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Baker to get 1 year's pay

Questions surround retirement settlement after documents released

BY BRUCE MILLS
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The Sumter School District Board of Trustees entered into a settlement agreement with former Superintendent Frank Baker before his retirement, but it appears all action was taken behind closed doors and the public was never notified, according to various documentation.

In response to a Freedom of Information Act request for employment contractual agreements and adjustments made between the school board and Baker regarding his retirement announce-

ment, a school district spokesperson provided on Thursday a settlement agreement dated July 26 between the two parties that will pay Baker one year's salary, or \$185,711.40, for consulting services to the district through June 30, 2018.

However, during special-called board meetings from late June and July, the board never voted in open session on a settlement agreement with Baker.

"If the school board never voted in open session to direct a person to sign the settlement agreement with Baker, then whoever did sign such an agreement likely did so with-



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out the authority of the school board," said Taylor Smith, an attorney for the South Carolina Press Association. "Without the authority of the board, the board and district may not be bound by the written agreement Baker thinks he struck with them."

Additionally, the spokesperson included what's described in a cover letter as "a copy of the statement read by the Board chair on July 18, 2017, regarding the mutual agreement between the Board and Dr. J.

Frank Baker that he would not continue as Superintendent beyond July 31, 2017."

However, the "press statement" provided — which is dated July 18, 2017, at the bottom — is not the press statement that Chairman the Rev. Daryl McGhaney read at the July 18 board meeting, announcing the mutual agreement that Baker would retire.

That original press statement was also emailed to "all district users" shortly thereafter on July 18 and to *The Sumter Item* the next day, July 19.

The "press statement" received on Thursday in the FOIA response — with the July

18, 2017, date stamp — includes a sentence that reads "Dr. Baker has graciously agreed to provide consulting services as needed to resolve any ongoing matters in the District."

After raising the issue of the differing press statements to the district spokesperson, Mary Sheridan, on Thursday, she recalled the statement provided with the FOIA request. Sheridan verified the correct press statement was read by McGhaney on July 18 and was sent to *The Sumter Item* on July 19.

Messages left Thursday for McGhaney were not returned as of 8 p.m.

Bridge ruled unsafe

Span over Lake Marion will close permanently

BY JIM HILLEY
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"Boy, I am disappointed," Clarendon County Council Chairman Dwight Stewart said about the closing of the old U.S. 301 across Lake Marion. "A lot of people use it."

Stewart, an avid bicyclist, said he has crossed the bridge with his bicycle and taken S.C. 6 to St. Matthews several times.

Unfortunately for those who use the bridge, fencing to keep people off the bridge will be installed this week, South Carolina Department of Transportation Region 7 Administrator Kevin Gantt said.

After some recent inspections, including underwater inspections, engineers determined the bridge was unsafe, and he ordered it closed, Gantt said.

Gantt said the inspections were prompted by concerns about the number of people who may want to watch the Aug. 21 eclipse from the



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Bill Furse, with Furse Construction, overlooks the installation of a fence on the old U.S. 301 bridge over Lake Marion. According to South Carolina Department of Transportation District 7 Administrator Kevin Gantt, the bridge is being closed permanently. The bridge has been closed to vehicular traffic for 30 years but was popular with hikers, bicyclists and fishermen.

bridge.

"We are trying to secure it because we can't really anticipate how many people will be out there (during the eclipse)," he said. "Because of the condition of the bridge, we decided we needed to close it."

State Sen. Brad Hutto, D-Orangeburg, said he is opposed to closing the

bridge but wants to see the engineer's reports. He said he may introduce legislation to transfer the bridge to a different entity.

"I understand the idea that you don't want a lot of people on it during the eclipse, and for that purpose, I would understand closing," he said. "I can't understand closing it to people

who go out there for the Palmetto Trail, to exercise or fish."

Hutto said he uses the bridge, which goes from Orangeburg County to Clarendon County, quite often.

"Obviously, I haven't been in scuba

SEE BRIDGE, PAGE A6

Sumter Item ad staff, designers win awards in annual contest

BY RICK CARPENTER
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The *Sumter Item* won one first place and six second place awards in the South Carolina Press Association's annual Palmy Advertising contest.

The newspaper won first and second places in the advertising design category of Jewelry, Florists and Gift Shops.

First place was an ad for Sumter Lighting & Home designed by Cary Howard, who won four of the newspaper's

seven awards, and sold by Mark Pekuri, who sold four of the winning entries.

The headline on the winning ad was "Holiday Open House."

"The *Sumter Item's* winning entries illustrate the highly skilled graphic artists that the *Item* has available for our customers," said Jack Osteen, editor and publisher of *The Sumter Item*.

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Husband and wife charged with neglect of vulnerable adult

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Sumter County Sheriff's Office arrested a husband and wife on Tuesday for separate charges in connection with neglect of a vulnerable adult.

According to a news release from the sheriff's office, Barbara Ann Wright, 56, of 2110 Rose Drive, is charged with exploitation of a vulnerable adult for allegedly using the victim's bank account without the victim's consent between January and March. Bank records show various transactions and withdrawals made without the victim's consent, states the release.

The victim is described as a 65-year-old developmentally vulnerable woman.

Robie Wright, 58, of the same address, is charged with third degree criminal sexual conduct after he allegedly sexually assaulted the victim between Nov. 1, 2014, and March 2016, according to a warrant that was issued on July 28.

LOCAL BRIEF

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Recreation and Parks Dept. to host blood drive

Sumter County Recreation and Parks Department will host a blood drive from noon to 4 p.m. on Friday at 155 Haynsworth St. in the Sumter Jasmine Room. Donors are asked to bring a photo ID and to eat well before arriving. To schedule an appointment, go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code *SumterRecandPark*.

CORRECTIONS

If you see a statement in error, contact the City Desk at 774-1226 or pressrelease@theitem.com.

Campbell honored in lobby naming



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Family, friends and community leaders congregated at Patriot Hall on Thursday afternoon when the lobby of the building was named for former Sumter County Council Chairman Jim Campbell, far right on front row. The former council chairman was recognized as one of three community members who campaigned for Patriot Hall, formerly the main one of three parts of Sumter High School, to be transformed into a place where Sumterites can enjoy fine arts. "This edifice in itself says a lot about the Sumter community," Campbell said. "Sumter should be proud of this place." A picture of Campbell and a plaque recognizing his contributions to the community now hang in the lobby of Sumter County Cultural Center.

Union Baptist Church rising from the ashes

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS

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Union Baptist Church of Rembert held a groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of a new church on Sunday after the original building was destroyed during a fire in June 2016.

Guests included the Union Baptist Church congregation, Sumter County Councilman Chris Sumpter, Third Judicial Circuit Solicitor Ernest "Chip" Finney III, the Rev. Anthony Taylor of Wateree Baptist Association Lower Division, Jason Hardee of Jason Hardee Construction and Design, Tom Dennis, James Dennis and other well-wishers.

The Rev. Walter Robertson III, church pastor, said the exterior of the new facility will steer away from the traditional church look while the inside will keep many of the familiar



PHOTO PROVIDED

Union Baptist Church of Rembert held a groundbreaking ceremony on Sunday.

church features. A balcony and an area for a children's church will be included in the building, and the sanctuary will be able to seat approximately 800 people to accommodate the church's growing population, he said.

Robertson said he and the congrega-

tion thank the community for its support. Some people are still asking how they can help, he said.

Anyone who still desires to make a contribution to the church's new venture can send donations to Union Baptist Church, 5840 Springhill Road, Rembert.

Local McDonald's using advanced digital ordering technology

FROM STAFF REPORTS

McDonald's at 1765 U.S. 15 South, locally owned and operated by George Sensor, has reopened and is the first McDonald's in Sumter to introduce digital self-order kiosks that allow guests to order at their own pace, customize their meal and pay for a meal easily.

Other changes include digital menus inside and outside of the restaurant

and table service.

Hundreds of McDonald's nationwide now offer table service, creating a more engaging, relaxing dine-in experience as a team member delivers food to the table.

"We are excited to bring new technology and service enhancements to Sumter," Sensor said. "We take pride in listening to our customers' evolving tastes and needs and are looking forward to serving our neighbors in our

new modernized restaurant."

Additional McDonald's restaurants in the area will gradually be updated with this technology. The McDonald's at 360 Pinewood Road is the next McDonald's in Sumter scheduled to undergo these changes and is expected to reopen this fall. McDonald's intends to have most of the traditional free-standing U.S. restaurants modernized by the end of 2020.

The newly modernized Sumter Mc-

Donald's will continue to support initiatives across the area to support the local community, including continued commitment to Shaw Air Force Base and local military, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Columbia, Harvest Hope Food Bank and local schools.

Information on upcoming events, specials and restaurant news can be found on Twitter at @McD_Columbia and on the restaurant's local Facebook page.

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Study says Trump moves trigger health premium jumps for 2018

WASHINGTON (AP) — Actions by the Trump administration are triggering double-digit premium increases on individual health insurance policies purchased by many people, according to a nonpartisan study.

The analysis released Thursday by the Kaiser Family Foundation found that mixed signals from President Trump have created uncertainty “far outside the norm” and led insurers to seek higher premium increases for 2018 than would otherwise have been the case.

Republicans in Congress have not delivered on their promise to repeal and replace the Obama-era Affordable Care Act. Trump is insisting that lawmakers try again and that the health overhaul is collapsing. At the same time, he’s threatened to stop billions of dollars in payments to insurers. Some Republicans are considering fallback measures to stabilize markets.

Kaiser researchers looked at proposed premiums for a benchmark silver plan across major metropolitan areas in 20 states and Washington, D.C. Overall, they found that 15 of those cities will see increases of 10 percent or more next year.

The highest is a 49 percent jump in Wilmington, Delaware. The only decline: a 5 percent reduction in Providence, Rhode Island.

About 10 million people who buy policies through HealthCare.gov and state-run markets are potentially affected, as are 5 million to 7 million more who purchase individual policies on their own.

Those in the government-sponsored markets can dodge the hit with the help of tax credits that most of them qualify for to help pay premiums. But off-marketplace customers pay full freight, and they face a second consecutive year of steep increases. Many are self-employed business owners.

The report found insurer participation in the ACA mar-

kets will be lower than at any time since they opened for business in 2014. The average is 4.6 insurers in the states studied, down from 5.1 insurers this year. In many cases insurers do not sell plans in every community in a state.

The researchers analyzed publicly available filings through which insurers justify their proposed premiums to state regulators. Insurers are struggling with sicker-than-expected customers and disappointing enrollment, and an industry tax is expected to add 2 to 3 percentage points to premiums next year.

On top of that, researchers found that mixed signals from the administration account for some of the higher charges. Those could increase before enrollment starts Nov. 1.

“The vast majority of companies in states with detailed rate filings have included some language around the uncertainty, so it is likely that more companies will revise their premiums to reflect uncertainty in the absence of clear answers from Congress or the administration,” the report said. Once premiums are set, they’re generally in place for a whole year.

Insurers that assumed that Trump would make good on his threat to stop billions in payments to subsidize copayments and deductibles requested additional premium increases ranging from 2 percent to 23 percent, the report found.

Insurers that assumed the IRS under Trump would not enforce unpopular fines on people who remain uninsured requested additional premium increases ranging from 1.2 percent to 20 percent.

“In many cases that means insurers are adding double-digit premium increases on top of what they otherwise would have requested,” said Cynthia Cox, a co-author of the Kaiser report. “In many cases, what we are seeing is an additional increase due to the political uncertainty.”

That doesn’t sound like what Trump promised when he assumed the presidency.

In a *Washington Post* interview ahead of his inauguration, Trump said, “We’re going to have insurance for everybody.”

“There was a philosophy in some circles that if you can’t pay for it, you don’t get it,” he added. “That’s not going to happen with us.”

People covered under President Obama’s law “can expect to have great health care,” Trump said at the time. “It will be in a much simplified form. Much less expensive and much better.”

But the White House never produced the health care proposal Trump promised. The GOP bills in Congress would have left millions more uninsured, a sobering side-effect that contributed to their political undoing.

The administration side-stepped questions about its own role raised by the Kaiser study.

Spokeswoman Alleigh Marre said rising premiums and dwindling choices predate Trump.

“The Trump administration is committed to repealing and replacing Obamacare and will always be focused on putting patients, families, and doctors, not Washington, in charge of health care,” Marre said in a statement.



AP FILE PHOTO

The USS John S. McCain (DDG-56) destroyer sails off the coast of Vietnam in August 2011. A Navy official says the USS John S. McCain has sailed close to a Chinese man-made island in a freedom of navigation operation in the disputed South China Sea.

U.S. warship sails close to Chinese man-made island

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A U.S. warship sailed close to a Chinese man-made island in the disputed South China Sea in an operation that challenged China’s vast territorial claims in busy international waters, a U.S. Navy official said Thursday.

The official told The Associated Press that Chinese vessels were in the vicinity when the USS John S. McCain sailed in a “routine” freedom of navigation operation near Mischief Reef Thursday. It was not immediately clear if the Chinese demanded the U.S. destroyer leave as they have done in the past.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to speak to the press about the matter.

China, which claims the South China Sea virtually in entirety, has protested such repeated U.S. military operations, which President Trump’s administration

has continued partly to reassure allies locked in territorial rifts with Beijing.

Tensions escalated a few years ago when China began to build seven reefs, including Mischief, into islands, including three with runways, which the U.S. and China’s neighbors fear could be used to project Beijing’s military might and potentially obstruct freedom of navigation. China has reportedly installed a missile defense system on the new islands.

In the latest sail-by, U.S. military officials notified Philippine counterparts of the maneuver, a Philippine official told the AP, adding Filipino forces were not involved.

U.S. Pacific Fleet spokeswoman Lt. Cmdr. Nicole Schwegman said all Navy operations “are conducted in accordance with international law and demonstrate that the United States will fly, sail, and operate wherever international law allows.”



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Strive to answer God's call with quiet determination

It was a confusing bit of Scripture presented in our weekly church service that sent me scrambling to the pages of my Bible and commentaries this week. Here is the verse in the translation in which it was presented to me.



Faith Matters

JAMIE H. WILSON

"And from the time John the Baptist began preaching until now, the Kingdom of Heaven has been forcefully advancing, and violent people are attacking it."

(Matthew 11:12, NLT)

Violence, attacking, forceful — these are not words modern-day believers want associated with their spiritual convictions, especially in a world that seems to highlight the radical and violent actions of some religious groups. It seems that many people of faith are trying to convince the world that a hallmark of spiritual belief is compassion and meekness.

What place of relevance does a verse like this have in the life of a modern believer? Is Scripture condoning violence as we understand it today?

I hope such verses also send you in search of answers from reputable sources and wise mentors. The explanation I found was so much

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more edifying than the unresearched conclusion to which I initially jumped. I'll rely on the eloquence of famed Bible commentator Matthew Henry:

"They who will make their calling and election sure must give diligence. The kingdom of heaven was never intended to indulge the ease of triflers but to be the rest of them that labour. It is a blessed sight; Oh, that we could see a greater number, not with an angry contention thrusting others out of the kingdom of heaven, but with a holy contention thrusting themselves into it!"

The violent here are the strong, the forceful, who refuse to bend to self — to the internal struggle that would render them impotent and ineffective believers. They reject passivity and pursue God's will with abandon, realizing that it is He who imbues their actions with power.

Those with a calling take it by force, not their own but with an internal drive to see God's will accomplished. This

isn't by violence, as modern connotations would imply, but with a personal determination.

And to further this point, God gave me a fantastic example by way of a casual conversation with a city official. I complimented him on a local development that will help build the Sumter community. He politely demurred then added that it wasn't him — it was God. Then he referenced the story of Joshua and the city of Jericho, a story in which a man of God obeys the call to walk around the formidable fortress of Jericho to conquer it. Joshua was obedient to the call, and because of it, God crumbled the walls around the city and gave Joshua's people the victory.

Joshua was simply obedient to his call, just like the official I spoke to. He mentioned that he prayed for his job and his call to serve his community. He was determined that God would use him. He wasn't abrasive or offensive but quietly and determinedly focused on God's will for His life.

Oh, to have the same determination in my own life! My prayer for you as well as me is that we would implement more discipline and forcefulness into God's calling in our own lives.

Email Jamie H. Wilson at faithmatterssumter@gmail.com.

Serve one another

One of the greatest acts of generosity is serving others. Mother Teresa once said, "At the end of life, we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by 'I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in.'"

If we truly want to be a light in our community, then we need to become servant leaders, seeking opportunities to serve others.

Let's focus on the importance of being generous with our time and talents as we serve others.

In Galatians 5:13, we read, "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love." In this Scripture, we are encouraged to serve others with a spirit of humility and attitude of love. We can serve our family by helping our children with their homework, a school project or fixing them a meal. We help our spouses by doing that chore around the house that we know he or she hates doing. We can serve our communities by feeding the hungry, giving warm blankets to those in need or simply taking the time to listen when someone needs to talk.

I love being a part of a



Family Encouragement
RICHARD HOLMES

volunteer project where our military members join together to enhance our communities. Recently I had the honor of watching members

of Team Shaw give back to the Sumter community. During this time, I watched as the importance of serving others was passed on from parents to children as the parents involved their children in this project. Parents and grandparents, one of the greatest lessons we can pass down to our children is the importance of serving others.

Today, may we all make a commitment to serve others with humility and love. May we also be wise enough to teach our children the importance of service.

Family Encouragement Corner is a weekly inspirational thought from Richard Holmes. Holmes serves as a chaplain at Shaw Air Force Base. The opinions expressed in this article do not express the views of Shaw Air Force Base or the United States Air Force. For more information regarding Family Encouragement Corner or to offer your suggestions or comments, please feel free to email familyencouragement2016@gmail.com.

CHURCH NEWS

Agape Outreach Ministries, 100 E. Red Bay Road, announces:
* Sunday, Aug. 20 — The unity choir's annual anniversary celebration at 4 p.m.

Allen Chapel AME Church, 471 Lynam Road, announces:
* Sunday — Homecoming at 4 p.m. The Rev. Wallace Preston, of Willow Grove AME Church, will speak.
* Sunday, Aug. 20 — The Divine Inspiration choir will hold a dinner sale immediately after the 10 a.m. worship. Cost is \$8 per dinner.

Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, 2571 Joseph Lemon-Dingle Road, Jordan community, Manning, announces:
* Sunday, Aug. 20 — Back-to-school praise and worship service, sponsored by the youth department, at 10 a.m.

Asbury United Methodist Church, 355 Pudding Swamp Road, Lynchburg, announces:
* Saturday, Aug. 26 — Women's conference from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Speakers: Angela G. Foxworth, life coach; Carletta S. Isreal, senior consultant with South Carolina First Steps; and the Rev. Angela Ford Nelson, pastor of Good Hope Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church of Camden.

Bethel AME Church, 219 E. Calhoun St., announces:
* Sunday — Homecoming celebration at 10:30 a.m.

Canaan Missionary Baptist Church, 774 Douglas Ave., announces:
* Thursday, Aug. 17 — Youth giveaway and service "Pushing Through" from 6 to 8 p.m.
* Friday, Aug. 18 — Men's planning meeting "We are Men" from 6 to 8 p.m.
* Saturday, Aug. 19 — Prayer breakfast "When Mother's Pray" from 8 to 11 a.m.
* Wednesday-Friday, Sept. 13-15 — Fall Revival at 7 nightly.

Clarendon County Ministerial Alliance, Manning, announces:
* Saturday — Meeting at 9 a.m. at McLeod Health Clarendon Fitness Center Classroom, 50 E. Hospital St., Manning.

Ebenezer AME Church, 119 E. Sumter St., Mayesville, announces:
* Sunday — Homecoming celebration at 1:30 p.m. The Rev. Dr. James S. Cooper, presiding elder of the Sumter District, will speak.

Edwin Boyle Santee Summer Ministry, 1098 Lemon Ave., Manning, (across from Camp Bob Cooper), announces:
* Sundays through Sept. 3 — Outdoor interdenominational worship service will be held at 9:30 a.m. for those who spend summer weekends at Lake Marion. Check us out on Facebook.

Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 421 S. Main St., announces:
* Friday, Aug. 18 — Fashion show and shoe rally at 7 p.m. Entertainment includes a religious comedian, the Biblical word and praise dancers. Prizes, awards and refreshments. Donation of \$1 per shoe size.

Faith Outreach Assembly, 42 Callen Drive, announces:
* Sunday-Friday, Aug. 20-25 — Revival at 6 p.m. on Sunday and 7 nightly Monday-Friday. Evangelist Keith Speed will speak.

Fellowship Outreach Ministries, 1891 Florence Highway, announces:
* Thursday-Friday, Aug. 17-18, and Sunday, Aug. 20 — Celebration for the 45th anniversary of Apostle Vinetta Evans as follows: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, various speakers; 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bishop John Brown, of New Beginning Christian Outreach of Florence will speak; and 3 p.m. Sunday, Pastor Andre Baxter, of Lord of Lords of Hope Ministries of Manning, will speak.

First Baptist Missionary Church, 219 S. Washington St., announces:
* Wednesday-Friday, Aug. 23-25 — Revival. Dinner will be served from 6-6:50 nightly followed by 7 p.m. service. The Rev. Aaron Brown, pastor of Unity Missionary Baptist Church of Eutawville, will speak.

Full Proof Healing Deliverance Ministry, 328 W. Liberty St., announces:
* Tuesday, Aug. 15 — Ignition prayer service at 6 p.m. Prophetess Talitha Harrison will speak.
* Friday, Aug. 18 — "A night with the King" at 7:30 p.m. Pastor Kimberly King, of Restoration Word Church, will speak.
* Saturday, Aug. 26 — Men's fellowship "Risen Kings of Judah" at 10 a.m.
* Tuesday, Aug. 29 — Ignition prayer service at 6 p.m.

Prophetess Talitha Harrison will speak.

Goodwill Presbyterian Church USA, 295 N. Brick Church Road, Mayesville, announces:
* Saturday-Sunday — Celebration for the 150th anniversary of the church as follows: 1 p.m. Saturday at Mount Zion Enrichment Center, 315 Fulton St.; and 11 a.m. Sunday at Goodwill Presbyterian Church USA. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson II will speak.

High Hills AME Church, 6780 Meeting House Road, Dalzell, announces:
* Sunday-Wednesday, Aug. 16 — Revival at 7 nightly. Pastor Marvin C. Landers, of Saint Paul AME Church in Jacksonville, Florida, will speak.

High Hills Missionary Baptist Church, 6750 Meeting House Road, Dalzell, announces:
* Sunday — Ushers' anniversary program during 10:15 a.m. worship.
* Saturday, Aug. 19 — Back-to-school extravaganza from 10 a.m. to noon.

* Sunday, Aug. 20 — Homecoming during 10:15 a.m. worship. The Rev. Dr. Marvin Vaught, pastor of Galilee Baptist Church of Haughton, Louisiana, will speak.

Knitting Hearts Ministry, meets at Bethesda Church of God, 2730 Broad St., announces:
* Saturday — Knitting Hearts will meet from 10 a.m. to noon. Laura Boyington and the "Surrendered" Drama Team of Lake City will minister through drama, testimony and music. A love offering will be received. Light breakfast included. Nursery provided for ages 5 and under. Visit knittingheartsministry.wordpress.com.

Love Covenant Church, 245 Oswego Road, announces:
* Sunday, Aug. 20 — Founders appreciation day celebrating 23 years of ministry at 11 a.m.

Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 325 Fulton St., announces:
* Sunday — Back-to-school worship celebration at 10:45 a.m.
* Sunday, Aug. 27 — Usher ministry's anniversary worship celebration at 10:45 a.m. The Rev. Johnnie M. Gist will speak.

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 3249 U.S. 15 S., announces:
* Saturday, Aug. 26 — Church school workshop at 9:30 a.m.

* Sunday, Aug. 27 — Church school annual day program at 9 a.m.

New Covenant Presbyterian Church, 907 Legare St., announces:
* Saturday — Flea market / fish fry 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

New Hope UME Church, 19022 Panola Road, Pinewood, announces:
* Sunday, Aug. 20 — Homecoming at 2 p.m. featuring the Rev. Joe Gamble and choir.

One Step Christian Ministries, 125 S. Nettles St., Bishopville, announces:
* Sunday — Pack-the-pew family day at 11:15 a.m. with praises, dinner and the word of God. Elder Louis Stacks, of Word International Ministry, will speak.
* Sunday, Aug. 20 — Building fund seed service at 3:30 p.m. The Rev. Aurelia Hill, of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, will speak.

Reid Chapel AME Church, 1008 Dibert St., announces:
* Sunday — 100 Women in White worship service at 3 p.m. Pastor Dorothy Maple, of Community Church of Praise, will speak.

Salem Missionary Baptist Church, 320 W. Fulton St., announces:
* Sunday — Back-to-school bash from noon to 3 p.m. Pastor C.W. Woods will speak.

Spring Hill AME Church, 4309 Bill Davis Road, Summerton, announces:
* Sunday, Sept. 3 — Trustee Day in memory of the Rev. J.A. DeLaine at 4 p.m. Bishop Samuel L. Green Sr. will speak.

St. James AME Church, 180 W. Fulton Manning Road, Pinewood, announces:
* Wednesday-Friday, Aug. 16-18 — Revival at 7 nightly with speakers as follows: Wednesday, the Rev. Albert Thompson; Thursday, the Rev. Malcolm Simpson; and Friday, the Rev. Dr. Sammie Simmons.

St. James United Methodist Church, 720 Broad St., announces:
* Today — Youth Revival at 7 p.m. Theme: Focusing youth for Christ. Various praise dancers and steppers will perform.
* Sunday-Tuesday, Aug. 27-29 — Revival as follows: 6 p.m. Sunday, the Rev. Elvia C. Gadson of Columbia will speak; 7 p.m. Monday, the Rev. Millie Nelson Smith will speak; and

7 p.m. Tuesday, the Rev. James Smith will speak.

St. John Missionary Baptist Church, 102 W. Clark St., Pinewood, announces:
* Sunday — The male chorus will celebrate its fourth anniversary at 4 p.m. On the program: Ernest Pearson and the Singing Disciples, the Sumter County Sheriff's Office Gospel Choir and others.

St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, 7650 Summerton Highway, Silver community, Pinewood, announces:
* Today-Sunday — The 18th anniversary of the Rev. Willie J. Chandler will be celebrated as follows: 7 p.m. today, the Rev. Dr. Curtis Cantey, of Aimwell Missionary Baptist Church of Pamplico, will speak; 4 p.m. Saturday, anniversary banquet at Taw Caw Outreach Community Center in Summerton, Dr. D.L. Grant Sr., moderator of Jerusalem Baptist Association of Andrews, will speak; and 3 p.m. Sunday, the Rev. Dane Harris, of The Body of Christ Church Ministries of Columbia, will speak.

St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church, 1715 S. Guignard Drive, announces:
* Wednesday-Friday, Aug. 16-18 — Revival at 7 nightly. The Rev. Hazel Charles, of Nebo Baptist Church in Alcolu, will speak.

Triumph Ministries, 3632 Broad St. Ext., announces:
* Friday, Aug. 18 — Ignite service at 7 p.m. Dr. Inga Nelson of Charlotte will speak.

Walker's Chapel Freewill Baptist Church, 99 Walter Ave., announces:
* Sunday-Wednesday, Aug. 20-23 — Revival at 11 a.m. Sunday and 6 nightly through Wednesday. Pastor Nat Brown and Evangelist Dean Asaro will speak. Special singing nightly.

Wayman Chapel AME Church, 160 N. Kings Highway, announces:
* Sunday — Pastor appreciation service at 10:15 a.m.
* Monday-Wednesday, Aug. 21-23 — Revival at 7 nightly. Pastor Willie A. Wright Jr. will speak.

Willow Grove AME Church, 8105 A/B Sumter Landing Road, Horatio, announces:
* Saturday, Aug. 26 — Banquet to honor the Rev. Wallace and Mrs. Gloria Winston at 4 p.m. at Catchall Lodge No. 425, Dalzell. RSVP tickets \$20.

Beware at the pump: Black market fuel is making millions

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — A black market for diesel and gasoline has rapidly spread around the nation, with organized crime gangs using fraudulent credit cards to syphon millions of dollars in fuel from gas stations into large tanks hidden inside pickup trucks and vans.

Stealing fuel can be less risky than selling drugs or other illegal endeavors, and criminals can make \$1,000 or more a day re-selling the stolen fuel at construction sites and unscrupulous gas stations, or to truckers looking to cut costs, investigators and industry experts say.

"It's pretty rampant," said Owen DeWitt, whose Texas-based company, Know Control, focuses solely on helping gas stations prevent fuel theft. He said the crime is worst along Interstate 10, from Jacksonville, Fla., to the Los Angeles area. "California and Florida are the two worst; Texas is No. 3."

Black market diesel started becoming a big business when credit card "skimmers" became more prevalent around 2006, DeWitt said. Thieves install these devices at gas station pumps, where they record card information as un-

suspecting customers fuel up. The information is later transferred to a magnetic strip on a counterfeit card. The problem has only grown as the devices become more sophisticated.

The black market has grown quickly in part because the thefts total a few hundred dollars at a time, and prosecutors were slow to prioritize them. But as fuel thefts become more organized, they have caught the attention of state and federal authorities around the country.

Agriculture and Consumer Services Commissioner Adam Putnam's department takes the lead on prosecuting these crimes in Florida. He said they used to be considered a "victimless" or "slap-on-the-wrist-type crime, and yet they were making more money doing this than a lot of other criminal activities that had a lot higher sentences."

The U.S. Secret Service, which investigates financial crimes, is involved because the gangs use credit card skimmers. Agent Steve Scarince says Miami, Los Angeles and Las Vegas are hot spots, together accounting for about 20 million gallons a year in stolen diesel.



A truck is outfitted with a large tank used to syphon gas from gas stations using stolen credit cards.

"The crews that we've investigated over the past couple of years — the least profitable group is \$5 million a year. And then there are groups that will gross \$20 million plus," Scarince said. "The gang-bangers in Los Angeles have been migrating to financial crimes instead of street crimes because it's much more profitable and if you get caught, you get probation."

Court records from a single Secret Service case prosecut-

ed in 2014 illustrate how much money even a small crew can take in.

Agents in the Los Angeles area surveilled a group with seven pickup trucks and SUVs with hidden fuel tanks holding up to 300 gallons each. For 10 months, they observed drivers using credit card information stolen from about 900 people to fill up three times a day.

They transferred the diesel into a 4,500-gallon industrial

fuel tanker that made daily runs to sell the fuel to gas stations.

Agents estimated they stole close to \$16,000 in fuel every day, with the potential to steal \$7 million a year. Records indicated it was in operation for about five years before agents shut it down.

"Theft has been involved with fuel for as long as retailers have been selling fuel," said Jeff Lenard, a vice president of the National Association of Convenience Stores in Alexandria, Virginia, but today's criminals are "trying to steal hundreds, if not thousands, of gallons."

Thieves often use dozens of fraudulent cards at a time, inserting one after another to fill up hidden tanks. One gang used fraudulent credit cards for a month to steal \$100,000 in diesel from two stations in central Florida. In other cases, one thief parks a truck to block the clerk's view while another pumps diesel directly from an underground tank through a hole in the vehicle's floorboards, investigators say.

There are ways of foiling these thieves, including security devices that can shut down a pump if someone tampers with it.

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Adventist

Sumter Seventh-Day Adventist
103 N Pike West 775-4455
Pastor Harry Robinson
Sat. Sch: 9:15 am, Worship: 11:00 am
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Jason Banar, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 am
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320 West Fulton Street
803-775-8054
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Sun. School 9:00 am
Praise Worship 9:55 am
Worship 10:00 am

The Catholic Community of Sumter, St. Jude Site

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www.stjudesumter.org
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Parochial Vicar Rev. Noly Berjuega, CRM
Saturday: 6:00 pm
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Wed. Mid Week Service - 7:30 pm

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Westminster Presbyterian Church
230 Alice Dr., Sumter • 803-773-7235
Pastor Stuart Mizelle
Sunday School 9:15 am
Worship Service 10:30 am

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Wayman Chapel AME Church
160 N Kings Hwy • 803-494-3686
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Reverend Dr. Dennis W. Broughton, Jr.
Church School 9:00 am
Worship 10:15 am
Wed. Bible Study 12:00 pm & 6:30 pm

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Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church
803 S Harvin St. • 773-4032
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Sunday Worship: 7:45 & 10:45 am
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Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm

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Grace Baptist Church
219 W Calhoun St • 778-6417
Dr. Stephen Williams
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S.S. 9:45 am; Worship 11:00 am
Evening Worship/Bible Study 6:30 pm
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm
Wed. Bible Study: 6:30 pm

Church of Christ

Plaza Church of Christ
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Sunday School: 10 am
Sunday Worship: 11 am & 6 pm
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Wed. Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 pm

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Rev. Nick Cheek
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Pentecostal

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14 Plowden Mill Rd • 775-9493
Pastor Theron Smith
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Wednesday Bible Study: 7:30 pm

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2609 McCroys Mill Rd • 481-8887
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Sunday School: 10:00 am
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Wed. Bible Study/Youth Group: 7:00 pm

Presbyterian - ARP

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Sunday School 10:00 am
Worship 11:00 am

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1245 Cherryvale Dr
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Utility pays bonuses to execs before nuclear project fails

COLUMBIA (AP) — The company that led the failed effort to build two new nuclear reactors in South Carolina — and is now seeking to recoup billions more from customers — paid its executives millions in bonuses, some of it for work on the project, a review of federal records shows.

A review of filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission show SCANA Corp. paid executives more than \$21 million in performance bonuses over the past decade, including money for work on the V.C. Summer Nuclear Station north of Columbia. *The State* newspaper reported.

The filings do not say exactly how much of the \$21 million was based on the failed project.

SCANA's South Carolina Electric & Gas Co. and state-owned utility Santee Cooper last week abandoned construction on two new reactors, on which they already spent \$10 billion. Much of that came from customers.

The project was already years behind schedule and billions over budget when lead

contractor Westinghouse declared bankruptcy in March. Utility executives said they were forced to give up after determining the price tag for completing the project, budgeted at \$11 billion in 2008, had soared beyond \$20 billion.

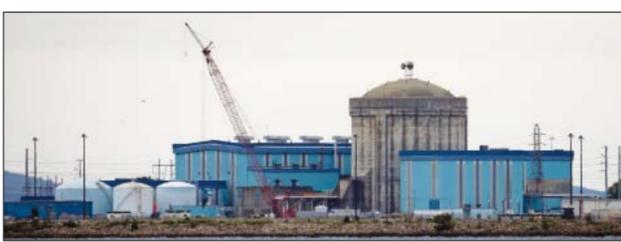
SCANA spokeswoman Rhonda O'Banion told the newspaper the company doesn't talk about employees' pay.

Last year, SCANA's top five executives received \$3.3 million in performance based pay, according to the federal filings.

Nearly half of last year's performance pay went to SCANA president and chief executive Kevin Marsh and represents about a quarter of his \$6 million in total compensation.

The filings said Marsh's \$1.4 million performance-based bonus for 2016 was paid, in part, because of his "oversight and support of our nuclear construction activities."

"Knowing everything we know now, and knowing that we have a project that has been abandoned, those are pretty staggering numbers," said Rep. Russell Ott, D-St.



Unit one of the V.C. Summer Nuclear Station near Jenkinsville is shown during a media tour of the facility in September 2016.

prove to regulators it spent prudently, instead of requiring critics to prove it didn't. A dismissal would also give lawmakers more time to investigate and figure out what to do.

The utility has asked commissioners to rule quickly. Under the current filing, they must rule by February or the petition is automatically approved.

Both Senate President Pro Tem Hugh Leatherman of Florence and House Speaker Jay Lucas of Hartsville have appointed committees to review how the project failed and what can be done.

Lucas filed a request Wednesday to join the proceedings and support the Office of Regulatory Staff's motion to dismiss. He has resisted calling legislators back to Columbia for a special session before they're slated to return in January.

Gov. Henry McMaster has said he is looking for ways to renew construction and complete at least one of the reactors. That includes trying to persuade a utility to either buy out Santee Cooper's 45 percent share of the project or buy the state-owned utility altogether.

Matthews, who's on a House panel tasked with reviewing the project's failure.

A law passed in 2007 gave utilities the ability to charge customers for reactors as they're being built and recoup money even if a project's never finished.

Outraged lawmakers are now trying to prevent customers from paying more.

On Wednesday, the South Carolina agency responsible for examining utilities recommended that state regulators reject SCE&G's abandonment plans. By law, SCE&G must get approval from the legislatively elected Public Service Commission — the same group that has

approved all of SCE&G's requested rate hikes since 2009.

SCE&G is asking commissioners to find it acted prudently, so it can proceed with plans to revise electricity rates and recoup \$5 billion over 60 years. At least \$2.2 billion of that would come directly from customers already paying some of the nation's highest electricity rates.

The Office of Regulatory Staff, which represents the public in utility regulation, argues SCE&G is making its request under the wrong section of that decade-old law.

According to its motion, re-filing under the correct section would force SCE&G to

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gear under the bridge, so if there is something on the pilings on the bottom, that's what I want to see the report about," he said.

SCDOT Assistant State Maintenance Director Mark Hunter said the department considers the bridge to have been abandoned since 1987.

He said before this year, the last complete inspection that included underwater inspections was in 1985.

"A lot of the bridge is underwater; you don't see it," he said.

Hunter said the bridge has had a lot of issues.

"It has a lot of cracks in the concrete and substructure," he said. "The ends of the beams were deteriorated so that on many of the beams,

they had to install steel saddles, which is an interim type of repair."

Those repairs occurred in the late 1980s, he said, and even those repairs are deteriorating.

Hunter said the bridge's use as a pedestrian bridge also presents problems.

"AASHTO (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials) has pretty high requirements for pedestrians because if you load something with pedestrians, it is a pretty high live load," he said. "Plus, your rails don't meet the requirements for a pedestrian bridge."

Hunter said the rails on the bridge are so low someone could easily trip and fall off

the bridge.

Just replacing the bridge rails could run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars, he said.

"You're still dealing with a lot of repair issues to use it even for pedestrians," Hunter said. "Somebody will have to come up with a lot of money."

Gantt said he would like to see DOT take the end spans out until they can begin a larger project to remove the entire bridge. Removing the spans would make it more difficult for people to get on the bridge.

Hutto said he does not want that to happen until he has seen the reports and has had time to see if someone else would want to take over the bridge.

"If they don't want to maintain it, maybe we can find somebody else who will,"

Hutto said.

Hunter said the bridge will have to come out sooner or later.

"It gets to the point where it has to be removed for the safety of people underneath," he said.

"It is a very large structure, so going out there to demolish it isn't as simple as the majority of the bridges that are in our inventory," Gantt said.

"Most of them are just a cou-

ple of spans, and you could go out there over a week or so, but this one is so long, and it is over deep water, that it takes a big effort to mobilize and be able to remove the bridge."

He said part of the difficulty is the length of the bridge.

"The length of the bridge becomes an obstacle," Gantt said. "That bridge is just under 2 miles long; it's about 1.85 miles, just under 9,800 feet."

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ABOVE: Porter Jacks Grill in Manning promises fine dining in a family atmosphere.

RIGHT: Wendy Davis, left, owner of Porter Jacks, works with her daughter, Hannah, at the restaurant.

Porter Jacks: Great steaks and family atmosphere

BY JIM HILLEY
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Asked about her decorating theme, Wendy Davis, owner of Porter Jacks Grill in Manning, said, "It's eclectic."

Davis said she started scouring every "yard sale and flea market in creation" after making the decision to open the restaurant. There is everything from celebrity gnomes to wheels from old farm equipment hanging from the walls. There is even a boat from a Jimmy Buffet restaurant. "Every piece has a story," she said.

Somehow, Davis makes it all come together.

But diners don't come for the décor; they come for the food and the family atmosphere, she said.

Davis said the main menu features steaks, a little bit of

seafood and Southern classics as well as beer and wine.

She said she chose not to offer liquor.

"We wanted to keep it a family atmosphere," she said.

Besides the steaks, customer favorites are the shrimp and grits and Palmetto Chicken, a grilled chicken breast topped with pimento cheese and bacon.

Davis said the steaks are premium-cut steaks aged 21 days.

"Everybody says it's the best steak they've had," she said.

Wendy is the wife of Manning City Councilman Ervin Davis, and she said most of her family works together in the store.

She said her daughter, Hannah, who works in the kitchen, will start culinary school at Trident Charleston on Aug. 21.

"I'm super excited about Hannah going to culinary school and showing us what we did wrong," Wendy Davis said.

Wendy Davis said she wanted to open a restaurant because she worked in the business in the 1990s at Applebee's in Sumter.

"I took time off to raise children," she said.

Her husband, Ervin, works as a greeter in the store at nights.

"He's a great greeter; people like that," she said.

She said getting the store opened wasn't easy.

The building had once been a China Buffet, but everything in the kitchen besides the walk-ins and sinks had to be replaced, she said.

"We even had to repair the walk-ins," Davis said.

She said a back room for private events is still under



construction, and an outdoor patio is planned as well.

"There's definitely room for growth," she said. "We're taking it one step at a time."

Porter Jack offers specials every day, Davis said.

"The popular ones we add to our regular menu; we change it about every three months," Davis said.

Having a great staff front and back helps everything run smoothly.

"I give them freedom to create new stuff," she said.

She said her customers are open to anything.

"Whatever we put on the board, they are willing to try it," Davis said.

Competing against some of Manning's dining traditions

such as D&H Barbecue and Manning Restaurant isn't a problem.

"We're different; we all bring something different to the table," she said. "Nobody wants to eat the same thing every night."

Besides its dine-in menu, Porter Jacks also has takeout and delivery within the city limits of Manning, she said. On Mondays and Tuesdays, when the restaurant is closed, large parties can reserve the entire place.

Porter Jacks Grill is at 505 S. Mill St. in Manning. Hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, call (803) 433-5000.

Main Street Manning celebrates vendors

BY JIM HILLEY
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Main Street Manning will showcase Clarendon County vendors who "have anything to do with hosting a special event," Main Street Manning Director Carrie Trebil said on Thursday.

Trebil said Main Street Manning will invite those vendors for its annual event from 4 to 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 19, at Drayton House, 304 S. Brooks St.

"Whether it's a wedding, birthday party or prom, any of those types of events will be invited to set up on the grounds of the Drayton House," Trebil said. "And everybody is invited to come out and see those different vendors because we feel that Clarendon County is a place where you can get all your needs for special events taken care of."

Trebil said Main Street Manning hosts an event the third Tuesday of each September.

"It's always kind of taken a little different turn to whatever we want to highlight that particular year, and this year we want to highlight special event vendors," Trebil said. "Last year it was Bands and Barbecue on Brooks Street."



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Jennifer "Lucy" Casselman, owner of Lucy's Traditional Southern Bakehouse, displayed her cupcakes at the 2016 Main Street Manning event.

She said they have had events celebrating the women of Main Street and a book signing for Silvia Clark's book "If These Walls Could Talk."

Food and beverages will be served, and the awards for Best of Main Street will be announced. The event is free to Clarendon County visitors and guests. Trebil said at this point they are only

accepting vendors from Clarendon County.

Trebil said the organization will also have its Trick or Treat on Main Street event from 4 to 6 p.m. Oct. 31.

A location for the Trick or Treat has not been set, she said.

For more information, call Trebil at (803) 435-8477, extension 5132.

CLARENDON BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Turbeville back to school celebration set for Saturday

Pine Grove United Methodist Church, 1090 Morgan St., Turbeville, will have its inaugural Back-to-School Celebration from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

The event will feature food, games, a Christian magician, face painting, school supplies, a dunking booth and music. The public is encouraged to attend.

For more information, call (843) 659-2469.

Planning Commission to meet on Tuesday

Clarendon County Planning Commission will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Clarendon County Administration Building, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning, in Council Chambers.

For more information, call (803) 435-8672.

Yogurt makes a healthy, nutritious snack

Nutritionally speaking, yogurt retains a certain mysterious quality. Most people classify it as a healthy food — which it certainly is, as long as you avoid the high-fat, sugar-laden varieties.

Cup for cup, low-fat yogurt has about 150 milligrams more calcium than low-fat milk and provides more than one-third of your daily needs. It's also a good source of protein; yogurt supplies 50 percent more protein than milk, since it is usually thickened with nonfat milk solids. It also has good amounts of B vitamins (especially vitamin B12) and minerals. Again, in the milk, cheese and yogurt group you need two servings daily (three for women who are pregnant or breastfeeding; four for teenagers who are pregnant or breastfeeding). Typical serving sizes

are 1 cup milk, 8 ounces of yogurt, or 1½ to 2 ounces of cheese. This group is generally high in protein, calcium and vitamin B 2. It is low in iron, manganese, copper and vitamin C.

Low-fat yogurt (or better yet fat-free yogurt) is a good thing to keep around if you're watching your calorie and fat intake. Both are low in calories, considering the nutrients they provide, and can substitute for high-fat items such as mayonnaise and sour cream.

Fruit yogurts are less nutritious than plain, since the fruit takes up space in the cup; thus you get less yogurt, fewer vitamins and minerals, and much more sugar. If the fruit is from preserves, which it often is, the yogurt supplies even fewer nutrients. Choose plain yogurt, because it has the fewest calories. You can add your own fruit or sweeteners if you like.

Some yogurts contain artificial flavors or colors, as well as sweeteners (natural and artificial), such as sugar, honey, molasses, corn syrup, fructose, or aspartame. A cup of regular sweetened vanilla, lemon, or coffee yogurt contains the equivalent of

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SAVORY SWISS CHEESECAKE

Ingredients: 1 cup finely crushed thin wheat crackers, 3 tablespoons melted butter, 12 ounces reduced-fat cream cheese, 2 cartons (8 ounces each) reduced-fat plain yogurt, 1 egg, 1 egg yolk, ¼ teaspoon dried basil, ¼ teaspoon dried rosemary-crushed, 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded reduced-fat Swiss cheese, assorted crackers

Directions: In a small bowl, combine cracker crumbs and butter. Press onto the bottom of a 9-inch springform pan; set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, beat cream cheese until smooth. Add the yogurt, egg, egg yolk, basil and rosemary; beat on low speed just until blended. Stir in Swiss cheese.

Pour into prepared crust. Place pan on a baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 40-50 minutes or until center is almost set. Cool on a wire rack for 10 minutes. Carefully run a knife around edge of pan to loosen; cool 1 hour longer.

Refrigerate overnight. Remove sides of pan. Cut into wedges; serve with crackers. Refrigerate leftovers. **Yield:** 16 servings

BASIL YOGURT SPREAD

Ingredients: ¼ cup fat-free plain yogurt, 2 tablespoons reduced-fat mayonnaise, 1 tablespoon minced fresh basil or 1 teaspoon dried basil, 1 teaspoon lemon juice, French rolls or bread of choice.

Directions: In a small bowl, combine/mix the yogurt, mayonnaise, basil and lemon juice. Serve roasted vegetables on rolls/bread with yogurt spread.

3½ teaspoons of sugar; fruit flavors may have as much as 7 teaspoons per cup. Some extra-rich yogurts have egg yolks added.

A number of health benefits are attributed to the active bacterial cultures in yogurt. One benefit for which there is good evidence applies to people with lactose intolerance; that is, they have trouble digesting the

lactose (milk sugar) in dairy products. These people can eat yogurt with live cultures since the bacteria help in digesting lactose.

Plain, or unflavored, yogurt is the original and most versatile of yogurts. It contains from 100 to 160 calories per cup. All yogurts, from fat-free to whole-milk, come in a variety of flavors, ranging from simple vanilla with

added sugar to fruit flavored. The fruit-flavored yogurts fall into two categories: Sundae-style yogurts, in which the fruit is at the bottom of the container and must be stirred in; and blended, custard-like, Swiss- or French-style yogurts, in which the fruit is distributed throughout the yogurt. Ideally, custard-style yogurts are usually made with egg yolks.

Serving suggestions:

- Use yogurt as a part of a marinade for chicken;
- Use low-fat yogurt instead of sour cream in baking;
- Mash potatoes with plain low-fat yogurt instead of butter or sour cream;
- Use yogurt to lighten a potato salad dressing; and
- Make your own fruit yogurt by stirring an all-fruit spread into plain yogurt.

For storage, keep your yogurt in its original container in the refrigerator. An unopened container of yogurt with live cultures should keep for about 10 days past the "sell by date"; pasteurized yogurt will keep even longer. However, check to see that the yogurt looks and smells fresh when you open it.

Mix cheesy eggs and ripe avocado for a yummy breakfast taco

BY ELIZABETH KARMEK

The Associated Press

Long before I knew that the origin of breakfast tacos were a hotly debated topic, I was eating them and loving them. I had my first breakfast taco many years ago in Houston and have enjoyed many more in Austin, Texas. But, I am not about to give birthright credit to any particular city in because I am fairly certain that Mexican immigrants all grew up with their mother's version of "breakfast tacos."

The beauty of the tortilla is that it makes normal fork and knife foods like scrambled eggs (and pork barbecue, steak, fish, etc.), portable. And, regardless of where you had your first breakfast taco, if you are like me, you crave them and must make them yourself at home.

I am a "no beans and no rice" kind of girl and prefer my breakfast tacos like my favorite egg sandwich but rolled, or folded over in a flour tortilla. To me, the essential ingredients must be cheesy eggs, a dash of hot sauce and cool slices of ripe



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avocado. I love bacon and prefer to serve it on the side where it stays crisp — but feel free to add it into the eggs. Not many places add slices of avocado unless you ask for it, but for me, the avocado is what makes it a Tex-Mex breakfast taco instead of just eggs in a tortilla.

When I have tomatoes and white onions on hand, I add those to my cheesy eggs and I am one happy girl. I like breakfast tacos so much that I have been known to have them for lunch and or dinner as well.

The truth is that you can put any of your favorite cheese and egg add-ins in your breakfast taco. In

BREAKFAST TACOS

Servings: 8

Start to finish: 20 minutes

8 slices of bacon, cut into ½-inch pieces and cooked, optional or serve whole slices on the side

Kosher salt, freshly ground pepper

8 6-inch flour tortillas, warmed on a griddle

3 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided

1 small white onion, diced

1 medium tomato, diced

8 large eggs

1 cup white cheddar or Monterey Jack with jalapenos, shredded

1 avocado, thinly sliced for serving

Hot sauce

Cook bacon, stirring occasionally, until crisp, 10-12 minutes. Transfer to paper towels to drain (do not pour off fat from skillet).

Using a large non-stick skillet, add 2 tablespoons of butter and onions to skillet

and cook, stirring often, until translucent and tender, 2-3 minutes. Add tomatoes and season lightly with salt and pepper. Remove skillet from heat.

Meanwhile, whisk eggs in a large bowl to blend; add the remaining 1 tablespoon of butter in the nonstick skillet over medium heat and let melt. Pour eggs in evenly over the tomatoes and onions. Cook eggs, stirring occasionally to mix in onions and tomatoes, and scraping bottom of skillet with a heatproof spatula or fork to form large curds, about 1-2 minutes. Add cheese and stir to mix in and finish cooking. Do not increase the heat to cook everything faster or the eggs may burn.

Remove eggs from heat and mix in bacon if using or serve on the side.

Fill tortillas with cheesy egg mixture and top with avocado. Serve with hot sauce.

Nutrition information per serving: 354 calories; 191 calories from fat; 21 g fat (9 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 244 mg cholesterol; 428 mg sodium; 27 g carbohydrate; 3 g fiber; 2 g sugar; 15 g protein.

Texas, the potato, egg and cheese combo reigns king as does the classic eggs and bacon. If you are a fan of chorizo, chorizo and crispy po-

tatoes make a perfect match especially with some blistered poblano peppers thrown in for good measure.

Clarendon Hall open house set for Monday

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Clarendon Hall, 1140 S. Dukes St., Summerton, will hold its open house at 6:30 p.m. on Monday. The first day of school for grades 1-12 will be held from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, with the first day of school for Pre-K and kindergarten on Monday, Aug. 21.

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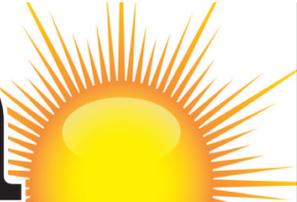
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COMMENTARY

After the coup, what then?

That the Trump presidency is bedeviled is undeniable.

As President Trump flew off for August at his Jersey club, there came word that Special Counsel Robert Mueller III had impaneled a grand jury and subpoenas



Pat Buchanan

were going out to Trump family and campaign associates. The jurors will be drawn from a pool of citizens in a city Hillary Clinton swept with 91 percent of the vote. Trump

got 4 percent.

Whatever indictments Mueller wants, Mueller gets.

Thanks to a media that savages him ceaselessly, Trump is down to 33 percent approval in a Quinnipiac University poll and below 40 percent in most of the rest.

Before Trump departed D.C., *The Washington Post* ran transcripts of his phone conversations with the leaders of Mexico and Australia.

Even Obama administration veterans were stunned.

So, it is time to ask: If this city brings Trump down, will the rest of America rejoice?

What will be the reaction out there in fly-over country, that land where the “deplorables” dwell who produce the soldiers to fight our wars? Will they toast the “free press” that brought down the president they elected, and in whom they had placed so much hope?

My guess: The reaction will be one of bitterness, cynicism, despair, a sense that the fix is in, that no matter what we do, they will not let us win. If Trump is brought down, American democracy will take a pasting. It will be seen as a fraud. And the backlash will poison our politics to where only an attack from abroad, like 9/11, will reunite us.

Our media preen and posture as the defenders of democracy, devoted to truth, who provide us round-the-clock protection from tyranny. But half the nation already sees the media as a propaganda arm of a liberal establishment that the people have rejected time and again.

Consider the *Post*'s publication of the transcripts of Trump's calls with Mexico's president and Australia's prime minister.

When reporter Greg Miller got these transcripts, his editors, knowing they would damage Trump, plastered them on Page 1.

The Post was letting itself be used by a leaker engaged in disloyal and possibly criminal misconduct. Yet the *Post* agreed to provide confidentiality and to hide the Trump-hater's identity.

This is what we do, says the *Post*. People have a right to know if President Trump says one thing at rallies about Mexico paying for the wall and another to the president of Mexico. This is a story.

But there is a far larger story

here, of which this *Post* piece is but an exhibit. It is the story of a concerted campaign, in which the anti-Trump media publish leaks, even criminal leaks, out of the FBI, CIA, NSA and NSC, to bring down a president whom the Beltway media and their deep-state collaborators both despise and wish to destroy.

Did Trump collude with Putin to defeat Clinton, the Beltway media demand to know, even as they daily collude with deep-state criminals to bring down the president of the United States.

And if there is an unfolding silent coup by the regime Americans repudiated in 2016 — to use security leaks and the lethal weapon of a special counsel to overturn the election results — is that not a story worth covering as much as what Trump said to Pena Nieto?

Do the people not have a right know who are the snakes collaborating with the Never-Trump press to bring down their head of state? Is not discovering the identities of deep-state felons a story that investigative reporters should be all over?

If Greg Miller is obligated to protect his source, fine. But why are other journalists not exposing his identity?

The answer suggests itself. This is a collaborative enterprise, where everyone protects everyone else's sources, because all have the same goal: the dumping of Trump. If that requires collusion with criminals, so be it.

The Justice Department is now running down the leaks, and the ACLU's Ben Wizner is apoplectic: “Every American should be concerned about the Trump administration's threat to step up its efforts against whistleblowers and journalists. A crackdown on leaks is a crackdown on the free press and on democracy.”

That's one way to put it. Another is that some of these “whistleblowers” are political criminals who reject the verdict of the American electorate in 2016 and are out to overturn it. And the aforementioned “journalists” are their enablers and collaborators.

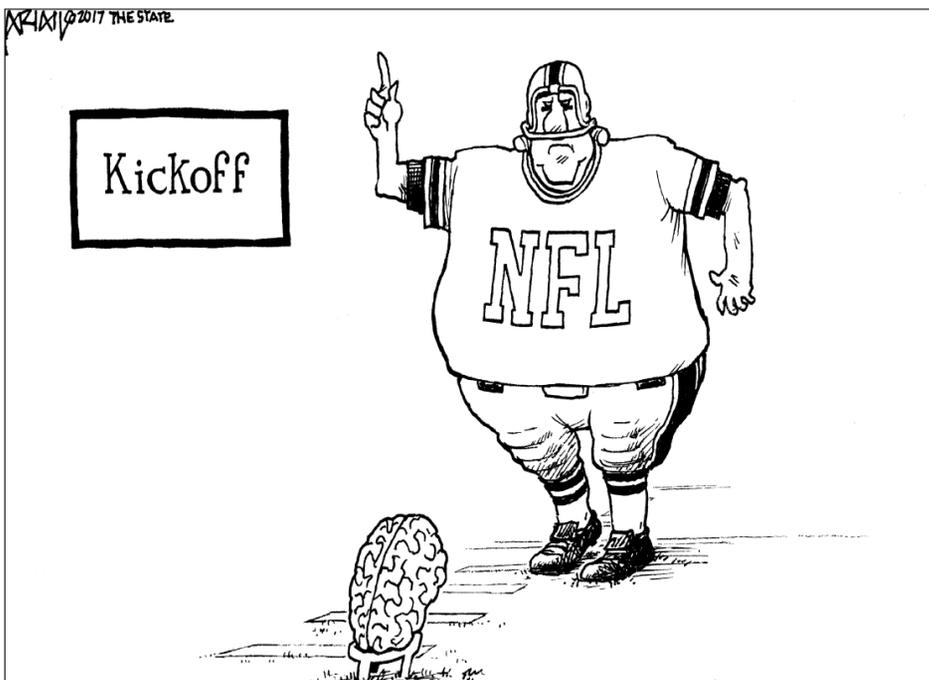
And if, as Wizner's asserts, protecting secrets is tantamount to a “crackdown on the free press and democracy,” no wonder the free press and democracy are falling into disrepute all over the world.

By colluding, the mainstream media, deep state, and the special prosecutor's button men, with a license to roam, may bring down yet another president. So doing, they will validate John Adams's insight:

“Democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide.”

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COMMENTARY

Have the wrong opinion and you can get fired. Google it.

On CNBC, an entrepreneur named Marcus Lamoni was asked what kind of people he prefers to hire for his businesses. Here's what he said: “We look for more females than males, by design. I happen



Bernard Goldberg

to believe that females, particularly in the sales oriented positions, are better. They're more empathetic. They're better listeners.”

Ho hum. But if he had said, “We look for more males than females by design because men are better,” there'd be demands from the intolerant Left that CNBC never allow such a monster on TV ever again.

Exaggeration? Well, you tell me.

At Google, an engineer named James Demore, who has a Ph.D from Harvard, just had a run-in with the intolerant Left. He wrote an internal 10-page memo that basically said the reason there are more men than women working in Silicon Valley has less to do with sexism than it does with fundamental differences between the sexes.

He said the gender gap was partly due to biology; that men have a “higher drive for status” and that women are “more prone to anxiety.”

How crazy do you have to be to believe that women are more prone to anxiety? Except a publication called

Neuroscience & Biobehavioral Review states that, “female-biased conditions include depression, anxiety disorder, and anorexia nervosa.”

Note: “female-biased conditions.” But hey, they're only scientists. What do they know about these things? Besides, it's a generalization. It's not about all women. You can say men generally are taller than women but that doesn't mean some women aren't taller than some men.

In any case, when the internal document was leaked — and went viral — Demore got canned.

And before anybody gets yelling about “free speech,” employees of private companies have no such rights. Google had every right to fire Demore.

But let's not pretend that if he had instead written a 10-page document saying that Google should hire more women because they make better engineers than men, he not only would not have been fired, there's a good chance he would have been promoted.

You don't have to agree with anything James Demore wrote to notice that in some liberal quarters certain views are just not tolerated. Try delivering a conservative speech on a liberal college campus sometime and let me know how it goes.

Liberals may not like generalizations about gender, but they have no problem generalizing about inequality — figuring that it's usually linked to discrimination. Sometimes it is. But sometimes it isn't.

Here's an inconvenient piece of information that

the holier-than-thou crowd might want to think about. When women get Masters degrees, by and large, they're not in computer engineering, which would go a long way if you want a job in Silicon Valley.

There's something else Demore wrote in his internal document, which was titled, “Google's Ideological Echo Chamber.”

“Differences in distributions of traits between men and women may in part explain why we don't have 50 percent representation of women in tech and leadership. Discrimination to reach equal representation is unfair, divisive, and bad for business.”

By “discrimination to reach equal representation” he means outreach programs that target women and other groups whose numbers in the workforce don't comport with their numbers in the general population.

And he says, “Open and honest discussion with those who disagree can highlight our blind spots and help us grow.”

If Google had fired Demore for being naïve, they'd have a case. But they didn't. They fired him for having an unacceptable opinion, and that just can't be tolerated at such an open-minded place as Google, a place that welcomes a wide array of points of view — as long as they're acceptable liberal points of view.

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Case of maggots in throat offers rare look at neglect probes

ROME, N.Y. (AP) — In his bed at a New York state group home for the severely disabled, Steven Wenger lay helpless against a silent invader.

A slimy, wriggling clump was growing around the hole in his throat near his breathing tube. Nurses peered closer and made a discovery almost unheard of in modern American health care: maggots.

For Wenger, unable to walk, speak or breathe without a ventilator since a car accident 26 years ago, it was the first of two infestations of the larval flies in his throat over successive days last summer, resulting in repeated trips to an emergency room and a state investigation that found days of neglect by caretakers. And if The Associated Press had not obtained a confidential report on the case, it's unlikely anyone in the outside world would have known anything about it.

That's because in New York and most other states, details of abuse and neglect investigations in state-regulated institutions for the disabled, addicted and mentally ill are almost never made public, even with the names blacked out.

As a result, it's easier to check the health record of a neighborhood restaurant than to find out about lapses in care in state institutions and group homes that people may be considering for their loved ones' around-the-clock care.

"If a complaint is substantiated, there should be a pretty detailed report ... but you cannot get that information," said Robyn Grant, director of public policy at the National Con-

sumer Voice For Quality Long-Term Care, a Washington-based advocacy group.

While many states provide extensive information about hospitals and nursing homes, Grant said, most are relatively silent when it comes to data on care of the disabled in state-regulated facilities. She noted there are no consistent disclosure rules, and in many states reports are "redacted to a ridiculous point, to a point where the sentences don't make any sense."

In New York, which has one of the nation's largest disabled-care systems, abuse and neglect probes are overseen by the state's Justice Center for the Protection of People With Special Needs. Spokesman William Reynolds said it cannot release detailed information on its cases — even with identifying material removed — because of state and federal rules involving medical and personnel privacy, and law enforcement investigations.

But advocates for the disabled and some lawmakers say the Justice Center is keeping too much information hidden, either to shield Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo's administration from embarrassing headlines or to protect the flow of billions in Medicaid dollars to a sprawling system responsible for about 1 million disabled, addicted and mentally ill people.

"What the hell are they hiding?" asked Harvey Weisenberg, a former state lawmaker whose son who is disabled. "They won't tell the public, or anybody for that matter, what they're doing."

It's a system so tightly



Walter Wenger visits his severely disabled son, Steven, in a hospital on April 18 in Kingston, New York, where he was moved after maggots were twice found in the area around his breathing tube while living in a state group home.

of patients to physical abuse, sexual assault and death.

In the absence of publicly available information, Leslie Morrison, director of investigations for the advocacy group Disability Rights California, advises families to do their own shoe-leather detective work.

"Go visit the facility. There's nothing better than walking around, doing a sniff test, doing it unannounced," she said. "If you can get in the door, that is. If you can't get in the door, that might suggest something to me also."

In Wenger's case in a group home in the upstate New York city of Rome, state investigators found that the 41-year-old man's maggot infestations were the result of several days of neglect by caretakers who were supposed to keep the tracheostomy clean. Justice Center officials said the six-month investigation couldn't pinpoint the employees at fault, so no one was punished.

"I know Steven isn't important to anyone else," said Walter Wenger, who has since moved his son to a hospital facility, "but he's a child of God and no one should be treated like this."

closed that State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli was stonewalled this year when he tried to audit the Justice Center. He obtained just 8 percent of the reports requested on the 82,000 abuse and neglect complaints between 2013 and 2016.

"What's troubling is this cloud of secrecy that seems to cover their operations," said DiNapoli, a Democrat. "So you don't know if they're

doing the job that they're expected to do."

High-profile cases involving criminal charges are often announced in news releases. But as for more routine cases, the Justice Center discloses only broad statistics on the thousands of neglect and abuse allegations made each year, and whether they were substantiated. They include everything from inadequate supervision



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A back-to-school bash will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 12, at CareSouth Carolina, 545 Sumter Highway, Bishopville. Free backpacks and school supplies will be given to the first 250 participants. A parent or guardian must be present with child to receive the supplies. There will be free food, free school supplies, health screenings, games and more. In case of severe rain, the event will be held at Lee Central High School cafeteria, 1800 Wisacky Highway, Bishopville.

The Sumter Police Department's Annual Back-to-School Bash will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Aug. 15, at Crosswell Park. There will be food, balloon artists, face painting, free haircuts,

a water park, music and more. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years of age or older.

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 17, at the South Carolina Cotton Museum, 121 W. Cedar Lane, Bishopville. Donors who register their blood drive appointment online using an email address will receive a \$5 Target e-gift card. To schedule an appointment, contact Sandra Snipes at sbsnipes@ftc-i.net or visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code "Cottonmuseum."

The General George L. Mabry Jr. Chapter 817, Military Order of Purple Heart, will meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 17, at the Sumter Combat Veterans Group building, 529 N. Wise Drive. All Purple Heart recipients and those interested in association membership are invited. Call (803) 773-0658.

The Lincoln High School Alumni Association will hold a dinner fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 18, at the Lincoln High School cafeteria, 22 Council St. Cost is \$9 per person and the menu will consist of fried fish or turkey wing, red rice, coleslaw, dessert, roll and a drink. Dine in or take out. Call James L. Green at (803) 968-4173.

A back-to-school bash, sponsored by Save the Children and the Summerton Literacy Council, will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Aug. 19, at Clarendon One Community Resource Center Gym, 1154 Fourth St., Summerton. Call (803) 485-2043.

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get involved in activities that challenge

and motivate you to do more. Your emotions and enthusiasm will push you to become an overachiever. Celebrate with friends or your lover, but don't overdo it. Take good care of your health.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): What you can afford and what you want to do will conflict with one another. Look for common ground to avoid adding to your stress. Cut your costs by doing some of the preliminary work or sizing down your plans.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Power struggles will leave you feeling emotionally exhausted. Your time and energy would be better spent making conversions to your home environment. An older individual will make a wise and notable suggestion.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be careful how you handle challenges. If you are impatient or overly possessive, you will end up in a stalemate. In order to get what you want, be diplomatic, charming and reasonable. Don't act based on unverified information.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Communication will be your source of knowledge when dealing with peers. Ask questions and find out exactly what others think. Once you understand what will make a difference to the majority, it will be easier to find a solution. Lead the way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Check your assets and update documents. Altering the way you live to better suit your schedule will help ease your stress and give you more time to do the things you enjoy. A chance for romance is apparent,

but don't be indulgent.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take care of your health and do your best not to overreact or take on more than you can handle. It's important not to make assumptions or let your personal life affect your ability to take care of professional responsibilities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll get charged up easily. Make plans to do something that will challenge you physically. An athletic activity or social event that requires enthusiasm and interaction on your part will encourage you to explore new people and possibilities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Making positive changes at home will lift your spirits and encourage you to host an event. Don't feel the need to persuade others to follow you. Do your own thing and your success and enthusiasm will draw interest.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Problems with friends, relatives or neighbors will escalate quickly if you overreact. Don't make a snap decision or change based on an emotional incident. Stay calm and keep the peace until you have more time to consider what's transpired.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A new opportunity will catch you by surprise. Jump into action and take advantage of what's being offered. You have a chance to gain respect and boost your reputation through the choices and actions you take. Make positive changes.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Whatever you do, be sure your motives and intentions are stellar. Someone will question your integrity if you appear to have an agenda that is for your benefit only. Emotional situations will lead to unexpected changes.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
89°	73°	90° / 74°	89° / 73°	89° / 74°	88° / 72°
Chance of rain: 55%	Chance of rain: 40%	Chance of rain: 60%	Chance of rain: 70%	Chance of rain: 55%	Chance of rain: 60%
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TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

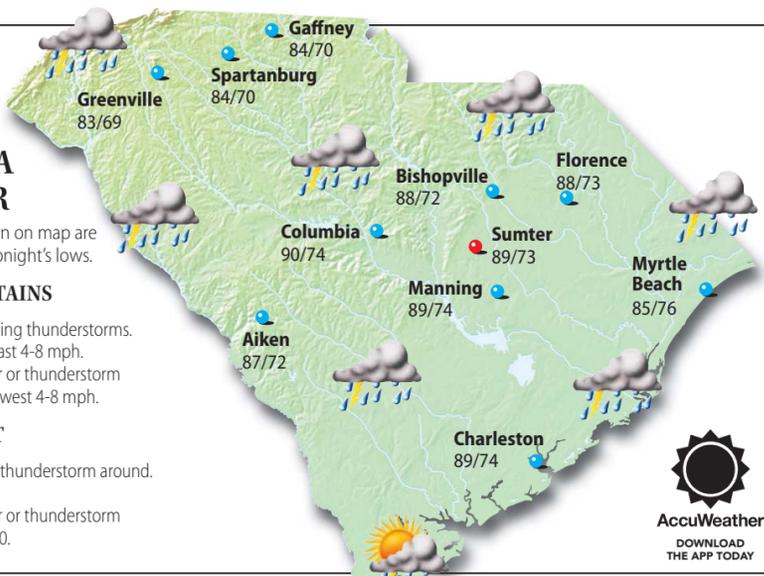
Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.

IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Spotty morning thunderstorms. Winds south-southeast 4-8 mph.
Saturday: A shower or thunderstorm around. Winds southwest 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: A shower or thunderstorm around. High 85 to 90.
Saturday: A shower or thunderstorm around. High 86 to 90.



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SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	
High	84°
Low	70°
Normal high	89°
Normal low	69°
Record high	104° in 2007
Record low	60° in 1994

Precipitation	
24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	0.02"
Month to date	0.80"
Normal month to date	1.90"
Year to date	27.34"
Last year to date	30.55"
Normal year to date	30.24"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	357.15	none
Marion	76.8	75.24	+0.07
Moultrie	75.5	75.12	+0.04
Wateree	100	97.72	-0.02

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	5.01	+0.74
Congaree River	19	2.94	+0.30
Lynches River	14	2.86	+0.16
Saluda River	14	2.12	+0.02
Up. Santee River	80	75.93	+0.10
Wateree River	24	5.46	-1.09

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:41 a.m.	Sunset	8:13 p.m.
Moonrise	10:46 p.m.	Moonsset	10:21 a.m.
Last	New	First	Full
Aug. 14	Aug. 21	Aug. 29	Sep. 6

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	12:10 p.m.	3.0	6:52 a.m.	0.0
Sat.	12:34 a.m.	3.2	7:35 a.m.	-0.1
	12:57 p.m.	3.1	7:55 p.m.	0.4

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Sat.
Atlanta	84/73/t	88/73/pc
Chicago	78/61/pc	77/59/pc
Dallas	99/79/c	97/79/t
Detroit	80/61/pc	79/59/pc
Houston	93/78/pc	94/77/pc
Los Angeles	87/68/pc	86/67/pc
New Orleans	88/76/t	89/76/c
New York	82/69/pc	78/70/t
Oriando	92/75/t	91/75/t
Philadelphia	84/70/t	82/70/t
Phoenix	105/87/c	104/79/pc
San Francisco	71/59/pc	69/59/pc
Wash., DC	84/72/t	85/71/t

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Sat.	City	Today	Sat.
Asheville	80/65/t	82/65/pc	Florence	88/73/t	89/73/t
Athens	85/70/t	89/70/pc	Gainesville	90/73/t	89/72/t
Augusta	90/74/c	91/74/t	Gastonia	85/71/t	87/71/pc
Beaufort	90/75/t	90/77/t	Goldsboro	88/72/c	89/73/t
Cape Hatteras	83/75/c	83/74/t	Goose Creek	87/74/t	88/75/t
Charleston	89/74/t	89/75/t	Greensboro	83/69/t	86/69/t
Charlotte	85/70/t	88/69/pc	Greenville	83/69/t	87/70/pc
Clemson	86/72/t	89/73/pc	Hickory	80/67/t	85/68/t
Columbia	90/74/t	91/75/t	Hilton Head	88/77/pc	89/78/t
Darlington	88/72/t	88/74/t	Jacksonville, FL	90/75/pc	91/75/t
Elizabeth City	82/73/c	84/72/t	La Grange	88/74/t	90/74/pc
Elizabethtown	88/74/t	88/74/t	Macon	90/73/t	91/73/t
Fayetteville	89/74/t	90/74/t	Marietta	84/71/t	87/71/pc
Marion	81/68/t	85/68/t	Mt. Pleasant	86/76/pc	88/77/pc
Mt. Pleasant	86/76/pc	88/77/pc	Myrtle Beach	85/76/t	86/75/t
Myrtle Beach	85/76/t	86/75/t	Orangeburg	89/73/c	89/75/t
Orangeburg	89/73/c	89/75/t	Port Royal	88/76/pc	88/77/t
Port Royal	88/76/pc	88/77/t	Raleigh	88/71/t	87/71/t
Raleigh	88/71/t	87/71/t	Rock Hill	86/71/t	88/72/t
Rock Hill	86/71/t	88/72/t	Rockingham	88/73/t	89/73/t
Rockingham	88/73/t	89/73/t	Savannah	91/75/t	92/76/t
Savannah	91/75/t	92/76/t	Spartanburg	84/70/t	87/71/t
Spartanburg	84/70/t	87/71/t	Summerville	87/73/t	88/74/t
Summerville	87/73/t	88/74/t	Wilmington	85/74/t	86/74/t
Wilmington	85/74/t	86/74/t	Winston-Salem	83/68/t	85/69/t
Winston-Salem	83/68/t	85/69/t			

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

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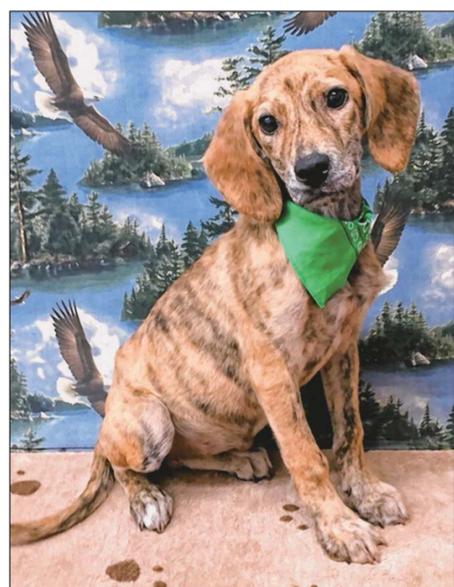
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Abby, left, is a 4-month-old brindle female lab / beagle mix. She is gentle, friendly and affectionate. She adores lots of love and attention. Abby is a sweet and loving girl who enjoys playing. She is great with other dogs and children. Abby has a more laid-back personality than the typical puppy her age and would be an excellent addition to any family.

Meeko, right, is a neutered and housebroken 2-year-old American short hair. He is super with children, other cats and even dogs. Meeko is a friendly, affectionate and sometimes lazy boy who would make a great buddy or couch potato for any family.

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Houston quarterback and former Clemson standout Deshaun Watson (4) runs against the Carolina Panthers during the Texans' 27-17 loss on Wednesday during a preseason game in Charlotte.

PRO FOOTBALL

Rookie QB Watson shines in Texans' 27-17 preseason loss versus Panthers

BY STEVE REED
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE — Deshaun Watson reminded everyone why Panthers coach Ron Rivera — and many others — felt he should have won the Heisman Trophy last season.

Watson shined in his NFL preseason debut, completing 15 of 25 passes for 179 yards and running for a score in the Houston Texans' 27-17 loss to the Carolina Panthers

on Wednesday night.

Watson, who led Clemson to the ACC championship on this field last December en route to winning the national championship, received a rousing ovation from Tigers fans dressed in orange when he entered the game in the second quarter.

The cheers grew louder when Watson outran two defenders for a 15-yard touchdown — although Panthers fans tried to cover the cele-

bration with boos.

"It was good just to get my feet wet," said Watson, who was pleased with his overall effort.

Houston's first-round draft pick looked comfortable in the pocket, stepping up to avoid pressure and getting rid of the football in a timely manner. He didn't let penalties on his team affect him and didn't turn the ball over

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PREP FOOTBALL

Under the lights



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

Marcus Phillips (13) and the rest of the Sumter High Gamecocks will take on Manning today at 8:30 p.m. in the final game of the Sumter Sertoma Football Jamboree at Sumter Memorial Stadium's Freddie Solomon Field.

Monarchs to face Sumter High in final game of Sertoma Jamboree

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
dennis@theitem.com

Keith West enjoyed being part of the Sumter Sertoma Football Jamboree last year. He was preparing for his first year as the Manning High School head coach and he was getting the opportunity to bring his team to the stadium where he led Sumter High to a state title.

That being said, he is really looking forward to the Monarchs return to Sumter Memorial Stadium's Freddie Solomon Field today.

SUMTER SERTOMA FOOTBALL JAMBOREE

TODAY
Freddie Solomon Field
at Sumter Memorial Stadium
Admission is \$7 per person

6:30 p.m. — Timmonsville vs. Crestwood
7:30 p.m. — C.E. Murray vs. Lakewood
8:30 p.m. — Manning at Sumter

"We were in it last year, but we played first thing in the jamboree, while it was still daylight," West said. "This time we'll be playing under the lights, and we'll be playing Sumter,

which just adds to it. We're looking forward to it."

Manning will play the Gamecocks in the final of three one-half scrimmages at approximately 8:30 p.m. The opening scrimmage will have Crestwood taking on Timmonsville at 6:30 with Lakewood taking on C.E. Murray at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Manning played Keenan and C.E. Murray for one quarter last year, winning by the scores of 15-0 and 14-0, respectively. That set the tone for a 7-4

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USC FOOTBALL

Gamecocks look to toughen up in run game and against it

BY PETE IACOBELLI
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — South Carolina head coach Will Muschamp boiled his team's problems last year down to two things: Running the ball successfully and stopping the run.

North Carolina transfer tailback and former Crestwood High School standout Ty'Son Williams wants to help with the first thing. Linebacker Bryson Allen-Williams vows

the defense will shore up the other part.

"We're just going to play with a lot more toughness," Williams said. "We've got guys playing in the SEC for multiple years, multiple games and we want to make sure we establish that dominance."

The Gamecocks have not been dominant for several years since ending an unprecedented three-year stretch from 2011-13 under old coach Steve Spurrier where they went 33-6.

Things have steadily digressed since then with South Carolina going 16-22, including 6-7 in Muschamp's debut season last fall.

Despite a second-half surge — the Gamecocks followed a 2-4 start by qualifying for a bowl game — Muschamp was frustrated by his team's inability to consistently run the ball against the best competition or stop the run in critical times.

South Carolina was 13th out of 14 teams in the Southeastern Conference in rushing and ninth overall in rush defense. Williams, who spent his

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Thorbjorn Olesen hits from the bunker on the 16th hole during Thursday's first round of the PGA Championship at Quail Hollow in Charlotte. Olsen shot a 67 to grab a share of the lead.

PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Kisner, Olesen start hot with 67s on fast greens

BY DOUG FERGUSON
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE — Jordan Spieth began his quest for the career Grand Slam by not making a putt longer than 5 feet. What helped was that Quail Hollow punished just about everyone at some point Thursday in the PGA Championship.

Kevin Kisner and Thorbjorn Olesen of Denmark emerged as the top survivors on a course with some of the

fastest, scariest putting surfaces the PGA Championship has ever seen. And both had to watch lengthy birdie putts creep into the cup on the 18th hole to share the lead at 4-under 67.

For all the talk about this 7,600-yard course favoring the big hitters, the shortest club in the bag turned out to be just as valuable.

"Any time you have a putt down grain, downhill ... we just tap it and hope it stops by the

hole," Jon Rahm said after a 70.

U.S. Open champion Brooks Koepka led five players at 68. Koepka missed a half-dozen putts from 12 feet or closer, and while it looked as though he hit the ball well enough to go low at Quail Hollow, he wasn't the least bit frustrated.

"It's going to test your patience one way or another," Koepka said. "That's just a major."

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SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY

5 a.m. - Track and Field: IAAF World Championships from London (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

10 a.m. - NFL Preseason Football: New Orleans at Cleveland (NFL NETWORK).

11 a.m. - Youth Baseball: Little League World Series Midwest Regional Semifinal Game from Westfield, Ind. (ESPN).

11:30 a.m. - NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Pure Michigan 400 Practice from Brooklyn, Mich. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

12:30 p.m. - Professional Tennis: Rogers Cup Quarterfinal Matches from Montreal (ESPN2, TENNIS).

1 p.m. - Youth Baseball: Little League World Series New England Regional Semifinal Game from Bristol, Conn. (ESPN).

1 p.m. - NASCAR Racing: Camping World Truck Series LTI Printing 200 Practice from Brooklyn, Mich. (FOX SPORTS 1).

1 p.m. - PGA Golf: PGA Championship Second Round from Charlotte (TNT).

2 p.m. - Track and Field: IAAF World Championships from London (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

2:45 p.m. - International Soccer: English Premier League Match - Leicester City vs. Arsenal (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

3 p.m. - Youth Baseball: Little League World Series Northwest Regional Semifinal Game from San Bernardino, Calif. (ESPN).

3 p.m. - NASCAR Racing: Camping World Truck Series LTI Printing 200 Practice from Brooklyn, Mich. (FOX SPORTS 1).

4 p.m. - Horse Racing: Tale of the Cat Stakes from Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (FOX SPORTS 2).

4 p.m. - NFL Preseason Football: Philadelphia at Green Bay (NFL NETWORK).

5 p.m. - Youth Baseball: Little League World Series Great Lakes Regional Semifinal Game from Westfield, Ind. (ESPN).

5 p.m. - NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Pure Michigan 400 Pole Qualifying from Brooklyn, Mich. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

5:30 p.m. - Professional Tennis: Rogers Cup Quarterfinal Matches from Montreal (TENNIS).

5:30 p.m. - Youth Baseball: PONY League World Series Game One from Washington County, Pa. (SPECTRUM 1250).

6 p.m. - Women's Amateur Golf: U.S. Women's Amateur Quarterfinal Matches from Chula Vista, Calif. (FOX SPORTS 1).

6 p.m. - High School Football: Shrine Cup Football Jamboree from Camden (WPUB-FM 102.7).

6:05 p.m. - Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).

6:30 p.m. - Professional Tennis: Rogers Cup Men's Quarterfinal Matches from Montreal (ESPN2).

7 p.m. - Youth Baseball: Little League World Series Mid-Atlantic Regional Semifinal Game from Bristol, Conn. (ESPN).

7 p.m. - Major League Baseball: Boston at New York Yankees or Cleveland at Tampa Bay (MLB NETWORK).

7 p.m. - NFL Preseason Football: Pittsburgh at New York Giants (NFL NETWORK).

7:30 p.m. - WNBA Basketball: New York at Atlanta (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).

8 p.m. - Major League Baseball: Atlanta at St. Louis (FOX SPORTSOUTH, WWFN-FM 100.1).

8 p.m. - WNBA Basketball: Los Angeles at Minnesota (NBA TV).

8 p.m. - Youth Baseball: PONY League World Series Game Two from Washington County, Pa. (SPECTRUM 1250).

9 p.m. - Youth Baseball: Little League World Series West Regional Semifinal Game from San Bernardino, Calif. (ESPN).

9 p.m. - International Diving: U.S. National Championships from Columbus, Ohio (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

10 p.m. - Professional Boxing: Bouts from Long Beach, Calif. (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).

10 p.m. - NFL Preseason Football: San Francisco at Kansas City (Joined In Progress) (NFL NETWORK).

12:35 a.m. - PGA Golf: PGA Championship Second-Round Highlights from Charlotte (WLTN 19).

1 a.m. - NFL Preseason Football: Tampa Bay at Cincinnati (NFL NETWORK).

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5 a.m. - Track and Field: IAAF World Championships from London (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

7:25 a.m. - International Soccer: English Premier League Match - Liverpool vs. Watford (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

8:30 a.m. - NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Practice from Brooklyn, Mich. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

9:30 a.m. - NASCAR Racing: Camping World Truck Series LTI Printing 200 Pole Qualifying from Brooklyn, Mich. (FOX SPORTS 1).

9:30 a.m. - NFL Preseason Football: Atlanta at Miami (NFL NETWORK).

9:55 a.m. - International Soccer: English Premier League Match - Chelsea vs. Burnley (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

10 a.m. - International Soccer: English Premier League Match - Everton vs. Stoke City (CNBC).

11 a.m. - Youth Baseball: Little League World Series Midwest Regional Championship Game from Westfield, Ind. (ESPN).

11 a.m. - PGA Golf: PGA Championship Third Round from Charlotte (TNT).

11:30 a.m. - American Legion Baseball: American Legion World Series Game from Shelby, N.C. - Hopewell, N.J., vs. Bryant, Ark. (ESPN).

Noon - NASCAR Racing: XFINITY Series Mid-Ohio Challenge Pole Qualifying from Lexington, Ohio (CNBC).

Noon - Youth Baseball: PONY League World Series Game Three from Washington County, Pa. (SPECTRUM 1250).

12:30 p.m. - International Soccer: English Premier League Match - Manchester City vs. Brighton (WIS 10).

12:30 p.m. - Professional Tennis: Rogers Cup Doubles Semifinal Match (TENNIS).

1 p.m. - Youth Baseball: Little League World Series New England Regional Championship Game from Bristol, Conn. (ESPN).

1 p.m. - NASCAR Racing: Camping World Truck Series LTI Printing 200 from Brooklyn, Mich. (FOX SPORTS 1, WEGX-FM 92.9).

1 p.m. - Major League Baseball: Pittsburgh at Toronto (MLB NETWORK).

1 p.m. - Professional Tennis: Rogers Cup Women's Singles Semifinal Match from Toronto (ESPN2).

2 p.m. - PGA Golf: PGA Championship Third Round from Charlotte (WLTN 19).

2:30 p.m. - Girls Amateur Tennis: USTA National Championship Girls 16s and 18s Semifinal Matches from San Diego (TENNIS).

2:30 p.m. - Youth Baseball: PONY League World Series Game Four from Washington County, Pa. (SPECTRUM 1250).

3 p.m. - Track and Field: IAAF World Championships from London (WIS 10).

3 p.m. - Youth Baseball: Little League World Series Northwest Regional Championship Game from San Bernardino, Calif. (ESPN).

3 p.m. - Professional Tennis: Rogers Cup Men's Singles Semifinal Match from Montreal (ESPN2).

3:30 p.m. - American Legion Baseball: American Legion World Series Game from Shelby, N.C. - Lewiston, Idaho, vs. Randolph, N.C. (ESPN).

3:30 p.m. - NWSL Soccer: Boston at Washington (LIFETIME).

3:30 p.m. - NASCAR Racing: XFINITY Series Mid-Ohio Challenge from Lexington, Ohio (NBC SPORTS NETWORK, WEGX-FM 92.9).

4 p.m. - Arena Football: Playoffs Semifinal Game - Baltimore at Philadelphia (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).

4 p.m. - Major League Baseball: Boston at New York Yankees (FOX SPORTS 1).

4 p.m. - Horse Racing: Arlington Million XXXV and Fourstardave Handicap from Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (FOX SPORTS 2).

5 p.m. - Youth Baseball: Little League World Series Great Lakes Championship Game from Westfield, Ind. (ESPN).

5 p.m. - Professional Tennis: Rogers Cup Women's Singles Semifinal Match from Toronto (ESPN2).

5:30 p.m. - Youth Baseball: PONY League World Series Game Five from Washington County, Pa. (SPECTRUM 1250).

6:30 p.m. - Horse Racing: Breeders' Cup Challenge Series from Arlington Heights, Ill. - Arlington Million and Beverly D Stakes (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

7 p.m. - Youth Baseball: Little League World Series Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship Game from Bristol, Conn. (ESPN).

7 p.m. - Women's Amateur Golf: U.S. Women's Amateur Semifinal Matches from Chula Vista, Calif. (FOX SPORTS 1).

7 p.m. - Major League Baseball: Atlanta at St. Louis (FOX SPORTSOUTH, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).

7:30 p.m. - American Legion Baseball: American Legion World Series Game from Shelby, N.C. - Shrewsbury, Mass., vs. Central Plains, Neb. (ESPN).

8 p.m. - Professional Tennis: Rogers Cup Men's Singles Semifinal Match from Montreal (ESPN2).

8 p.m. - Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Arizona or San Francisco at Washington (MLB NETWORK).

9 p.m. - Youth Baseball: Little League World Series West Regional Championship Game from San Bernardino, Calif. (ESPN).

9 p.m. - NFL Preseason Football: Dallas at Los Angeles Rams (NFL NETWORK).

11 p.m. - Major League Soccer: New York City at Los Angeles (ESPN2).

11 p.m. - Major League Baseball: San Diego at Los Angeles Dodgers or Baltimore at Oakland (Joined In Progress) (MLB NETWORK).

1 a.m. - NFL Preseason Football: Oakland at Arizona (NFL NETWORK).

4 a.m. - NFL Preseason Football: Philadelphia at Green Bay (NFL NETWORK).

MLB STANDINGS

By The Associated Press

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	65	49	.570	—
New York	60	52	.536	4
Tampa Bay	58	57	.504	7½
Baltimore	56	58	.491	9
Toronto	53	60	.469	11½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	60	51	.541	—
Kansas City	57	56	.504	4
Minnesota	56	56	.500	4½
Detroit	52	62	.456	9½
Chicago	43	68	.387	17

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	71	42	.628	—
Seattle	59	56	.513	13
Los Angeles	57	58	.496	15
Texas	54	59	.478	17
Oakland	50	64	.439	21½

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Colorado 3, Cleveland 2, 12 innings
Texas 5, N.Y. Mets 1
Seattle 6, Oakland 3
L.A. Angels 5, Baltimore 1
N.Y. Yankees 11, Toronto 5
Boston 8, Tampa Bay 2
Detroit 10, Pittsburgh 0
Chicago White Sox 7, Houston 1
Minnesota 4, Milwaukee 0
St. Louis 8, Kansas City 5

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Pittsburgh 7, Detroit 5
N.Y. Yankees at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
Cleveland at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
Kansas City at St. Louis, 7:15 p.m.
Houston at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
Minnesota at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.
Baltimore at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

TODAY'S GAMES

Boston (Rodriguez 4-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Garcia 5-8), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Taillon 6-5) at Toronto (Stroman 10-5), 7:07 p.m.
Cleveland (Carrasco 10-5) at Tampa Bay (Faria 5-2), 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Gibson 6-9) at Detroit (Sanchez 3-2), 7:10 p.m.
Houston (Morton 9-4) at Texas (Hamels 6-1), 8:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Duffy 7-7) at Chicago White Sox (Lopez 0-0), 8:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Jimenez 5-7) at Oakland (Blackburn 3-1), 10:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Nolasco 5-12) at Seattle (Gonzales 0-0), 10:10 p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Pittsburgh at Toronto, 1:07 p.m.
Boston at N.Y. Yankees, 4:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Tampa Bay, 6:10 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 6:10 p.m.
Kansas City at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 p.m.
Houston at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Oakland, 9:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Seattle, 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	67	45	.598	—
Miami	53	59	.473	14
Atlanta	51	61	.455	16
New York	50	61	.450	16½
Philadelphia	42	69	.378	24½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	59	54	.522	—
Milwaukee	59	57	.509	1½
St. Louis	58	56	.509	1½
Pittsburgh	57	58	.496	3
Cincinnati	48	67	.417	12

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	80	33	.708	—
Colorado	65	49	.570	15½
Arizona	64	49	.566	16
San Diego	50	64	.439	30½
San Francisco	46	70	.397	35½

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Colorado 3, Cleveland 2, 12 innings
Texas 5, N.Y. Mets 1
San Francisco 3, Chicago Cubs 1
Washington 10, Miami 1
Cincinnati 8, San Diego 3
Detroit 10, Pittsburgh 0
Philadelphia 3, Atlanta 2
Minnesota 4, Milwaukee 0
St. Louis 8, Kansas City 5
L.A. Dodgers 3, Arizona 2

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Cincinnati 10, San Diego 3
Pittsburgh 7, Detroit 5
Miami at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City at St. Louis, 7:15 p.m.
Minnesota at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.

TODAY'S GAMES

N.Y. Mets (Lugo 5-3) at Philadelphia (Pivetta 4-7), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Stratton 0-2) at Washington (Jackson 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Taillon 6-5) at Toronto (Stroman 10-5), 7:07 p.m.
Colorado (Gray 4-2) at Miami (Urena 10-5), 7:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Bailey 3-6) at Milwaukee (Nelson 9-5), 8:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Foltynewicz 10-6) at St. Louis (Wainwright 11-5), 8:15 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lackey 9-9) at Arizona (Walker 6-5), 9:40 p.m.
San Diego (Richard 5-12) at L.A. Dodgers (Hill 8-4), 10:10 p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Pittsburgh at Toronto, 1:07 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Milwaukee, 7:10 p.m.
Colorado at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
Atlanta at St. Louis, 7:15 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Arizona, 8:10 p.m.
San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.

NFL PRESEASON SCHEDULE

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WEDNESDAY'S GAME

Carolina 27, Houston 17

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Minnesota at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Miami, 7 p.m.
Washington at Baltimore, 7:30 p.m.
Jacksonville at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Chicago, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Green Bay, 8 p.m.

TODAY'S GAMES

Pittsburgh at N.Y. Giants, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.
San Francisco at Kansas City, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Tennessee at N.Y. Jets, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Rams, 9 p.m.
Oakland at Arizona, 10 p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Detroit at Indianapolis, 1:30 p.m.
Seattle at L.A. Chargers, 8 p.m.

SPORTS ITEMS



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Pittsburgh's Josh Bell (55) is congratulated by third base coach Joey Cora (15) after hitting a 2-run home run against Detroit on Thursday during the Pirates' 7-5 victory in Detroit.

P-15's to hold banquet today

Sumter American Legion Post 15 will hold its Sumter P-15's baseball banquet today beginning at 6 p.m.

The banquet will be held at the American Legion Hut located at 34 Artillery Drive.

The event is open to the public. Tickets are \$12 a person.

PIRATES 7

TIGERS 5

DETROIT — Rookie Josh Bell hit his 20th home run and drove in three runs on Thursday, leading the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 7-5 victory over the Detroit Tigers.

Gerrit Cole (10-8) allowed six hits and three earned runs in eight innings, his longest outing of the season. He improved to 3-1 since the All-Star break and is 6-3 in his last 10 starts. Felipe Rivero closed for his 11th save. Drew VerHagen (0-2) took the loss.

Sean Rodriguez of the Pirates had a run-scoring single in the second to make it 2-2. Rodriguez hit a solo homer in the eighth for his fourth of the season.

A run-scoring double by Victor Martinez and an RBI ground out by James McCann produced two runs in the ninth for Detroit.

REDS 10

PADRES 3

CINCINNATI — Scooter Gennett hit a grand slam in the seventh inning, ending left-hander Brad Hand's long scoreless streak and rallying the Cincinnati Reds to a 10-3 victory over the San Diego Padres.

The Reds won three of four in the series. San Diego took a 3-2 lead into the seventh, leaving Dinelson Lamet in line for a fourth straight victory. The Padres' best reliever of late let it get away.

The Reds loaded the bases against Kirby Yates (2-3) and Hand, who had a streak of 24 scoreless innings. Gennett's third career grand slam made it 6-3, the first runs allowed by Hand since June 10.

Eugenio Suarez homered two pitches later. Zack Cozart and Joey Votto added homers in the eighth, with Votto's solo shot extending his hitting streak to a season-high 15 games. Drew Storen (3-2) escaped a 2-on threat in the seventh.

LATE WEDNESDAY

PHILLIES 3

BRAVES 2

ATLANTA — Odubel Herrera continued to feast on Atlanta pitching by driving in a run with two triples in the

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in nearly three quarters of play.

"He's a smart player, an instinctive player," Texans coach Bill O'Brien said.

"For the first game out there I thought he did some good things. That's a big jump from college to the NFL and I thought he handled it pretty well."

Tom Savage went three-and-out on his first two possessions against Carolina's first-team defense. Savage had better luck with Carolina's starters out of the game, completing 8 of 8 passes for 67 yards on his final drive capped by a 16-yard TD run by Alfred Blue.

But it was a strong showing for Carolina's defensive starters.

"We put ourselves in good third down situations and we were able to execute and get off the field," Panthers linebacker Thomas Davis said. "Overall, the first half, the ones definitely had a good showing."

Panthers veteran backup Derek Anderson looked sharp starting in place of Cam Newton, who's still resting a sore right shoulder.

Anderson completed 4 of 5 passes for 76 yards, including a 23-yard touchdown pass to Kelvin Benjamin to finish

Philadelphia Phillies' 3-2 victory on Wednesday night that completed their third series sweep of the Braves this season.

Jerad Eickhoff (3-7) allowed two runs on nine hits in 6 2/3 innings.

The Phillies (42-69) swept the 2-game series to improve to 11-2 against the Braves this season. They swept a 4-game series against Atlanta on July 28-31 and a 3-game series on April 21-23 — each in Philadelphia.

Herrera lined a triple to right field in the first inning off left-hander Sean Newcomb (1-7). He added another triple to center field in the third, driving in Freddy Galvis from first base. Herrera scored on Ozzie Albies' throwing error.

NCAA ADOPTS SEXUAL VIOLENCE POLICY, EMPHASIZING EDUCATION

NCAA member schools will be required to provide sexual violence education for all college athletes, coaches and athletics administrators under a police announced Thursday by the organization's board of governors.

Campus leaders such as athletic directors and school presidents will be required to attest that athletes, coaches and administrators have been educated on sexual violence each year. The move follows a number of high-profile assault cases, including Baylor.

The policy also requires campus leaders to declare that athletic departments are knowledgeable and compliant with school policies on sexual violence prevention, adjudication and resolution. School policies on sexual violence and the name and contact information of the Title IX coordinator must be distributed throughout the athletic department and to all athletes.

The policy was adopted from a recommendation made by the Commission to Combat Campus Sexual Violence, which was created by the board last year.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF RANKINGS TO DEBUT ON OCT. 31

The first of six College Football Playoff rankings will be released on Oct. 31, following the ninth weekend of games.

The ranking will continue to be revealed each Tuesday night on ESPN for five weeks during the regular season. The final rankings and playoff pairings will be released on Dec. 3, the day after all the conference championship games are played.

From staff, wire reports

with a perfect 158.3 QB rating.

The 6-foot-5 Benjamin, who reported to training camp in good shape after being overweight in the spring, made a leaping grab in the corner of the end zone to give Carolina the early 7-0 lead.

"I am feeling good again," Benjamin said. "I am ready to get Cam (Newton) back out there so we can rebuild that chemistry."

WATT, KUECHLY RETURN

Two former NFL Defensive Players of the Year returned to action after missing significant time last season with injuries.

J.J. Watt played one series for the Texans in his return from back surgery. Kuechly played six plays after returning from his second career concussion. Neither registered a tackle.

ROOKIE WATCH

Texans: Rookie linebacker Dylan Cole appeared to return a fumble for a touchdown to tie the game in the fourth quarter, but the play was overturned.

Panthers: Christian McCaffrey had 33 yards on seven carries in his rookie debut and showed impressive quickness and the ability to make defenders miss.

CLEMSON FOOTBALL

Consistency has Bryant at top of QB depth chart

BY MATT CONNOLLY
The State

CLEMSON — Kelly Bryant has been impressive during fall camp and has maintained his lead over the other contenders to win Clemson's



BRYANT

starting quarterback job.

Bryant, Zerrick Cooper, Hunter Johnson and Chase Brice will have their first opportunity to make a statement

in a game-like situation on Saturday when the Tigers hold their first scrimmage of the fall.

Clemson head coach Dabo Swinney will be watching closely as he continues to work toward naming a replacement for Deshaun Watson before the season opener against Kent State on Sept. 2.

"Did you make the right decision? That's really what I'm evaluating. And then make the plays that are there," Swinney said. "Just a consistent performer. They all can do the job. But consistently, who's making the fewest mistakes? Because mistakes will get you beat."

Bryant has been the leader in making the fewest mistakes because being a junior and in the system for several years gives him an edge. He has played in games and has been in meetings during the season.

"His confidence is just at an all-time high. I love that. He's doing what he needs to do," Swinney said. "There's a lot of things that he brings to the table. His strengths are really shining through right now because he's not making a lot of mistakes. He's making the plays that are there. He's pulling the trigger on time. He's doing a good job. But all of those guys are doing a good job. I'm telling you, I think we can win with any of them."

Tigers co-offensive coordinator Jeff Scott echoed Swinney in stating that Bryant has been impressive through the first week of fall camp.

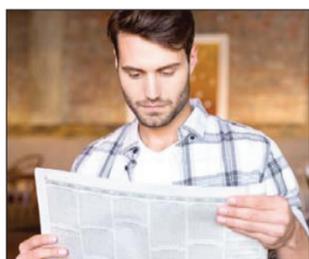
"Kelly Bryant has had a really, really good fall camp, the best week stretch that he has had in his entire career," Scott said. "I want to see him carry that over to a scrimmage situation."

Scott added that he is pleased with the play of all of his quarterbacks, and that he has been particularly impressed by freshman Chase Brice's ability to grasp the system quickly.

Bryant and Cooper were both at Clemson last season, and Johnson enrolled in December.

Brice did not enroll until this summer but has made up a lot of ground.

"It's been amazing what he's been able to do. Just getting here this summer, he has learned everything very quickly. It's very obvious to us coaches that he has good football knowledge," Scott said. "He's got good instincts for the position."



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GAMECOCKS

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freshman season with the Tar Heels in 2015 before heading to the Gamecocks, expects to impact his new team's rushing totals.

Williams, a 6-foot, 215-pound sophomore, led all backs at the spring game with 83 yards on the ground. That included a 4-yard TD run.

He's eager to get back to business on the field after his time on the sidelines.

"I don't think words can describe it," he said. "Knowing you're eligible and can put the pads on to play in the first game. It feels good."

BENTLEY BALL

Jake Bentley enters this fall as the unquestioned starting quarterback and one of the SEC's rising young guns. Bentley sparked the offense last fall when he came off the bench of his supposed redshirt season last October and let the Gamecocks to a 4-2 finish that qualified them for a bowl game. Bentley helped direct a 24-21 upset of then No. 18 Tennessee and set a postseason school mark when he threw for 390 yards in a 46-39 overtime loss to South Florida at the Birmingham Bowl.

SKAI'S THE LIMIT

Linebacker Skai Moore is back for his final season after missing last year because of a serious injury that required neck fusion surgery. Moore, a senior, couldn't play last year and thought some about jumping to the NFL draft and finishing his rehab as a pro. In the end, Moore wanted to end his college career showing that he could successfully overcome his injury.

LINEBACKING DEPTH

You'll need a scorecard to



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South Carolina's defense was not as stout last season against the likes of Georgia running back Nick Chubb (27) or many other big backs. Head coach Will Muschamp and the Gamecocks are looking to change that this year as well as improving on their own running game as well.

know the Gamecocks' back-up linebackers this fall. After returning starters Bryson Allen-Williams, Skai Moore and T.J. Brunson, South Carolina will rely on first-year players to pick up most the slack. "Linebackers if you're listening, come to South Carolina and you'll get a chance for playing time," Muschamp said before practice started.

SPECIALIST SEARCH

South Carolina will have a new kicker, punter and long snapper this fall. Alexander Woznick gets first chance to take over for all-time leading scorer Elliott Fry as kicker. Michael Almond and Joseph Charlton are fighting for Sean Kelly's spot at punter.

The same is true for Ben Asbury or Harrison Freeman, competing to take over for Drew Williams at long snapper. Danny Gordon has the inside track on Kelly's job as holder.

SINGLE MINDED

Think Will Muschamp is focused on football? He was asked if the Gamecocks only open practice, held at night, on Aug. 21 had anything to do with the pending eclipse that will be visible in Columbia earlier that day. "Are you kidding?" Muschamp responded. "What day is the eclipse? Do we have to shut our eyes when it happens or something? I'm not very good with that kind of stuff."

KEY GAMES

At Tennessee, Oct. 14; at Georgia, Nov. 4.

PREDICTION

If the Gamecocks won seven games this year, given their defensive deficiencies, and finished in the middle of the SEC East, that would be a significant step forward in coach Will Muschamp's second season. Should South Carolina stumble early against opponents like North Carolina State, Missouri and Kentucky, it could be a long season.

SEASON OPENER

South Carolina faces North Carolina State in Charlotte on Sept. 2.

LIGHTS

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season in West's first year in which the Monarchs played for the Region VII-3A title against Timberland in the final game of the regular-season, losing 28-27.

Manning has scrimmaged against Ridge View and been part of a 4-way scrimmage with Spring Valley, North Augusta and Westwood. West said it has not been easy sledding so far.

"We really struggled against Ridge View, and we had problems against Spring Valley and North Augusta," West said. "We had some success against Westwood and we hope to have that carry over in the jamboree."

Sumter will come into the jamboree off of two tough scrimmages. The Gamecocks faced 5A state semifinalist Fort Dorchester last Saturday and took on 4A state semifinalist Hartsville on Tuesday.

"I feel like we've done pretty good so far," said SHS head coach Mark Barnes, who is preparing for his third season with Sumter. "We've done pretty good defensively, and the good thing is it's against two offenses that are as different as they can be. One is a Wing-T (Hartsville) and the other is a spread (Fort Dorchester)."



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

Manning head coach Keith West, center, and the Monarchs travel to Sumter Memorial Stadium's Freddie Solomon Field tonight to take on Sumter High in the Sumter Sertoma Football Jamboree.

The Gamecocks are coming off a 9-2 season that ended with a disappointing 29-28 loss to Lexington in the first round of the 5A state playoffs.

Barnes said Sumter has been throwing the football a little bit more in the preseason. He expects that trend to

continue.

"No question, we have to (throw the ball more)," Barnes said.

"Zykiem (Jackson) has played a lot of games, and he's worked really hard at improving his passing ability."

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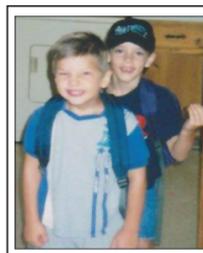
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LESHA G. LYNCH

PINEWOOD — Lesha Michele Guest Lynch, age 56, wife of Johnny Lynch, entered into eternal rest on Saturday, Aug. 5, 2017, at McLeod Hospice House, Florence.

Born in Clarendon County, she was a daughter of Marie Doughty Guest and the late

John Guest.

Those left to cherish his legacy of love and memories are her husband, Johnny Lynch; her mother, Marie Doughty Guest; seven children, Johnell Berry, La-Leshea (Sha'Ron) Guest Moody, Darnel Guest, Katrina Lynch, Shana Lynch, Dartrell Lynch and Charmaine Guest; three sisters; one brother; six grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Taw Caw Missionary Baptist Church, Summerton, with the Rev. Dr. William T. Johnson, pastor, officiating. Final resting place will be at the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 7 p.m. today in the chapel of Dyson's Home for Funerals.

The body will be placed in the church one hour prior to the service (noon).

Online condolences may be sent to www.dysonshomeforfunerals.com

The family will receive friends at the home, 9025 Summerton Highway, Paxville community, Pinewood.

Professional services entrusted to Dyson's Home for Funerals, 237 Main St., Summerton, (803) 485-4280.

JOHN MACK

MANNING — John Mack died on Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2017.

Masonic Rites services for Mr. Mack will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. today at Samuels Funeral Home, 114 N. Church St., Manning.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m.

on Saturday at Prayer House Mission, 5076 Bald Eagle Road, Summerton, with the Rev. Eartha Carter, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow at St. Mark AME Church Cemetery, Summerton.

The family is receiving friends at his residence, 1575 Jeff Drive, Manning.

These services have been entrusted to Samuels Funeral Home LLC, Manning.

ROY ROGERS

GLENPOOL, Okla. — Roy was called home to be with his Heavenly Father on Monday, Aug. 7, 2017, following a long illness.

He was 70 years old.

Herbert Roy Rogers Jr. was born on May 15, 1947, in Sumter, to Herbert Roy Rogers Sr. and Louise Simpson

Rogers. He graduated from Edmunds High School in 1965. He attended Emmanuel Bible College in Georgia and Oral Roberts University in Tulsa. He received his bachelor's degree in music from Louisiana State University. He earned a master's degree in music from the University of Tulsa. He traveled extensively as a soloist and goodwill entertainer while in the U.S. Army, singing for many American and foreign dignitaries. He also traveled with the Living Sound, an international music ministry at Oral Roberts University. He was a soloist at the Oral Roberts Evangelistic Association crusades and also served as

music director at Christian Chapel in Tulsa.

Roy became a member of the Jeffers family when he joined the cast of Discoveryland's "OKLAHOMA!" in 1986, serving as master of ceremonies and production stage manager for 15 years. He also portrayed the role of the surly hired hand, Jud Fry. He traveled across the U.S. as a member of Discoveryland's international travel show, performing two to three times daily representing the Metropolitan Tulsa Chamber of Commerce and the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department to promote tourism and travel to Oklahoma. He was also a member of a vocal performance group called "Sons of Oklahoma," opening for Anita Bryant at the Anita Bryant Theatre in Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

Roy was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert and Louise Rogers.

He is survived by his wife, Rosemary; stepdaughter, Melanie Cummisky and husband, Butch, of Bixby, and their sons, Quinn and Calvin Cummisky; stepdaughter, Amber Niemann and husband, Andy, of Tulsa, and their son, Beckham Niemann; stepson, Beau Beckham and wife, Lindsay, of Oklahoma City, and their daughter, Jasmine Beckham; three brothers, Phil Rogers and wife, Janet, of Florence, Terry Rogers and wife, Linda, of Sumter and Eddie Rogers of Sumter; two sisters, Jennie Jackson and husband, Mike, of Greensboro, Georgia, and Wendi Foster and husband, Pete, of Greensboro; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Roy will always be remembered lovingly for his beautiful baritone voice.

A private family memorial service will be held in Sumter with interment following.

Arrangements entrusted to Schaudt's Funeral Service and Cremation Care Centers, 719 E. 141st St., Glenpool, OK 74033.

Family and friends may send condolences to the family online at www.schaudtfuneralservice.com.

RICHARD D. MCLEOD

Richard Delbert McLeod, 95, husband of the late Elizabeth Rosine Campbell McLeod, died on Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2017, at the Dorn VA Medical Center in Columbia.

Born on Dec. 28, 1921, in Sumter, he was a son of the late Iley Schvaneveldt McLeod and

Hattie Leila Poole McLeod. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran, where he served in the 83rd Infantry Division, 329th Infantry Regiment, from 1942 to 1946. He was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, Purple Heart, Bronze Star, five Battle Stars and other WWII medals. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He is survived by four sons, Charles M. McLeod (Mary Jane) and William D. McLeod (Lois), both of Sumter, Jerry S. McLeod (Janet) of Suwanee, Georgia, and R. Darryl McLeod of Smithville, Missouri; six daughters, Ann McLeod of Wedgefield, Brenda Rogers (Billy) of Lumberton, North Carolina, Janet Feagin (Ronnie) of Summerville, Debra Kay Burton of Meridian, Idaho, Susie Parker (Ricky) of Gilbert and Cindy Pack (Robbie) of Alcolu; two brothers, Richard F. McLeod and William B. McLeod, both of Sumter; 26 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in

death by two sons, Jimmy McLeod and Tommy McLeod; two brothers, Robert McLeod and Marvin McLeod; and five sisters, Ilene Barkley, Mabel McLeod, Maggie Lee Geddings, Dollie Nunnery and Pearline McLeod.

A funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1770 U.S. 15 South, with Bishop Randy Rhoades officiating. Burial will follow at Poole Cemetery on Nazarene Church Road.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturday at Stephens Funeral Home.

Stephens Funeral Home & Crematory, 304 N. Church St., Manning, is in charge of arrangements, (803) 435-2179. www.stephensfuneralhome.org

CLEO MAE MCKINNEY

MANNING — Cleo Mae McKinney died on Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2017.

Funeral services for Ms. McKinney will be held at 3 p.m.

on Sunday at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, Manning, with the Rev. Sam Livingston Sr., pastor, officiating.

Burial will follow at the Union Cypress AME Church Cemetery, Jordan.

The family is receiving friends at the home of her mother, 211 Dickson St., Cambridge Court Apartment 2-C, Manning.

These services have been entrusted to Samuels Funeral Home LLC, Manning.

WILLIE MOSES WHALEY

Willie Moses Whaley was born on April 21, 1952, in Sumter, to Timothy and Lumicha Jackson Whaley.

In addition to his parents, Willie was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn H.C. Whaley.

On Monday, Aug. 7, 2017, at Palmetto Health Richland, Willie's life of labor and love ended.

He leaves to cherish his memory: a son, Willie (Nichole) Whaley; one daughter, Tiffany Samuels; one stepdaughter, Pamela Carroll; six grandchildren, Keaha Whaley, Kaloni Whaley, Jamiyah Witherspoon, Jumauri Samuels, Dominic Darby and Annalynn Samuels; two brothers, Earl (Dora) Whaley and Bruce Whaley; special friend, Margaret Thompson; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the chapel of Whites Mortuary, 517 N. Guignard Drive, Sumter. Interment will follow at the Greater Mt. Pisgah Church Cemetery, Rembert.

A public viewing will be held from 1 to 7 p.m. today at the mortuary.

The family is receiving friends at 4 Church St., Sumter.

Online messages can be left at www.whitesmortuary.net.

Services entrusted to Whites Mortuary LLC of Sumter.

OLYMPIA GERALDINE DINKINS

Olympia Geraldine Singletary Dinkins, 92, was born on Feb. 24, 1925, in Mayesville, to the late Phenie and Brantley Viola Wactor Singletary. She departed this life on Sunday, Aug. 6, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

She joined the church at an early age, where she served as a faithful church musician until her health failed. Geraldine retired after more than 32 years of teaching elementary school in Sumter and Lee Counties. She entered into holy matrimony with the late George Arnette Dinkins Sr. and to this union four sons were born.

She leaves to cherish her

memory: a son and caretaker, Dayle Dinkins; five granddaughters, Angela Dinkins-Smith (Scottie), Michele Dinkins, LaQuana Dinkins-James, Yasha Cowan and Ashley Baker; a dear daughter-in-law, Barbara G. Dinkins; a special cousin and niece, Gwen China; a host of great-grandchildren, family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by three sons, Sgt. 1st Class George Arnett Dinkins Jr., Gerald Madison Dinkins and Bruce Everett Dinkins.

Public viewing will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. today at Job's Mortuary.

Mrs. Dinkins will be placed in the church at 11 a.m. on Saturday for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at noon on Saturday at Union Station AME Church, 945 S. Main St., Sumter, SC 29150, with Dr. Philip Flowers officiating. Interment will follow at Hillside Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends at the home, 509 S. Main St., Sumter, SC 29150.

Job's Mortuary Inc., 312 S. Main St., Sumter, is in charge of arrangements.

Online memorials may be sent to the family at jobsmortuary@sc.rr.com or visit us on the web at www.jobsmortuary.net.

JOE NATHAN GREEN JR.

Joe Nathan Green Jr., 67, was born on Dec. 15, 1949, in Richmond, Virginia, a son of Joe Sr. and Doretha Green. He departed this life on Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2017, at the Dorn VA Medical Center, Columbia.

Public viewing will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. today at Job's Mortuary.

Mr. Green will be placed in the church at 11 a.m. on Saturday for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at noon on Saturday at Westend Community Church, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter, SC 29150.

Job's Mortuary Inc., 312 S. Main St., Sumter, is in charge of arrangements.

Online memorials may be sent to the family at jobsmortuary@sc.rr.com or visit us on the web at www.jobsmortuary.net.

HOWARD D. LOWDER SR.

Howard Dickson Lowder Sr., 86, husband of Dorothy "Dot" Lowder Lowder, died on Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on March 20, 1931, in Clarendon County, he was a son of the late Leon Clyde Lowder Sr. and Inez Scurry Lowder. He was a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church, the Men's Club and the Kennedy Bible Class of St. Mark's. He was a member of American Legion Post 15. He retired from Herald Office Supply and he was a U.S. Army World War II veteran.

A beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, "Papa Howard" is survived by his wife of 43 years; children, Bobbie Jean L. McGuire, Cindy R. Parker (Bruce), Timmie Ridgeway (Donna) and Howard D. "Chip" Lowder Jr. (Brandi), all of Sumter County; seven grandchildren, Gerald Hardin Jr., B.J. Dennis Johnson, Sean Sutton, Scott Ridgeway, Chase Ridgeway, Morgan Lowder and Sam Lowder; eight great-grandchildren; three sisters; a number of nieces and nephews; and his beloved schnauzer, Finn.

He was preceded in death by two granddaughters, Melissa Sutton and Emma Lowder; four brothers, Leon Lowder Jr., Wilford Lowder, Tommy Lowder and Derle Lowder; and a sister, Jacqueline Tanner.

Pallbearers are Bruce Parker, Sean Sutton, Scott

Ridgeway, L. Michael Allen, Christian Sutton and Christopher Johnson.

Honorary pallbearers are Dr. Clayton Lowder III, Dr. Vijay Pinto and the members of the Kennedy Bible Class.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Allen Vaught and the Rev. Billy Lewis officiating. Burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery near Manning.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the home.

Memorials may be made to St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 27 Broad St., Sumter, SC 29150 and The Sounds of Grace, 3 Crowson St., Sumter, SC 29150.

Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium, 515 Miller Road, Sumter, is in charge of arrangements.

IRVING DRAYTON

PINEWOOD — Funeral service for Irving Drayton will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Antioch AME Church in Pinewood. Interment will follow at the church cemetery.

Mr. Drayton will be placed in the church one hour prior to public viewing.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Antioch AME Church.

Mr. Drayton passed away on Aug. 5, 2017.

Those left to cherish his fond memories are a son, Lance (Jessica) Drayton of Columbia; daughters, Glenda (Arnold) Robinson of Columbia and Antoinette Drayton of Sumter; sisters, Ruth Hampton and Edith Richardson, both of Rimini; three grandchildren; and a host of loving relatives and friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

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CAROLYN E. HANNIBAL

BISHOPVILLE — Carolyn Elaine Hannibal, 56, passed on Aug. 4, 2017, at St. John's Hospital, Far Rockaway, New York.

Born in Lee County, she was a daughter of the late Mae Frances Hannibal Tyn-dall and Jesse Simon Jr.

Public viewing will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. today at the Square Deal Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at St. Mark Baptist Church, 510 Manville Wisacky Road, Bishopville, with the Rev. Yancy Martin, pastor, and the Rev. Harry Clark, eulogist. Interment will follow at St. Mark Memorial Garden.

Condolences can be sent to the family at esquareddeal-fun@sc.rr.com.

These services have been entrusted to Square Deal Funeral Home, 106 McIntosh St., Bishopville, SC 29010.

MASON B. FRANCIS

Mason B. Francis, 91, widower of Edith Areatha Francis, died on Thursday, Aug. 10, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on March 5, 1926, in Gable, he was a son of the late Henry Travis and Lillian Francis.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home of his niece, 10 Emily Drive.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Williams Funeral Home Inc.

EMMA T. MCCLURE

Emma Thames McClure, 99, died on Thursday, Aug. 10, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Services will be announced by Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter.

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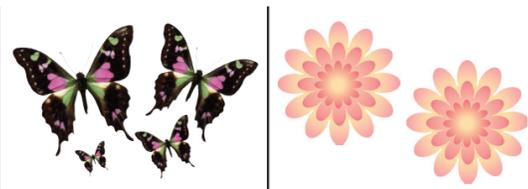
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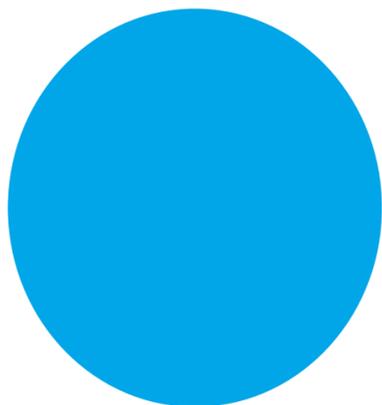
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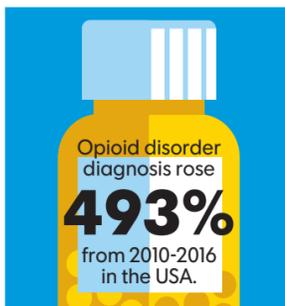
Number of homes for sale sinks to a 20-year low

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Opioid use skyrockets



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Baby Boomers are deciding to stay put, reducing options for first-time buyers

Roger Yu and Paul Davidson
USA TODAY

Can't find a house to buy? Blame Baby Boomers.

The number of residential houses for sale is at a 20-year low as the appeal of McMansions wanes and Baby Boomers grow increasingly reluctant to trade up or down from their homes, according to a survey by Realtor.com.

More than half of its survey respondents, or 59%, said they didn't plan to sell their houses in the next year.

Nationally, there was a 4.3-month supply of homes — the time it would take to run out of homes for sale if no new units were added — on the market in June. That's down from 4.6 months a year ago and a normal inventory of six months, according to the National Association of Realtors.

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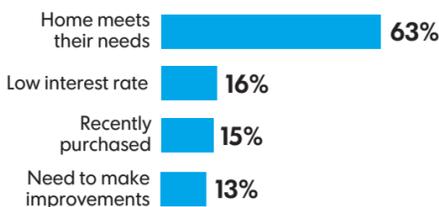
FEWER HOMES TO BUY

Some reasons found in a Realtor.com survey:

Do you plan to sell your home in the next year?
● No 59% ● Yes 35% ● Unsure 6%



Why people don't plan to sell their homes



SOURCE Realtor.com poll of 1,054 randomly selected homeowners across the U.S. from July 6 to 13.
JIM SERGENT, USA TODAY

Back off nuclear precipice, allies urge

Dialing down verbal violence could ease U.S., North Korea away from potential disaster

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President Trump



Kim Jong Un

NEWS ANALYSIS The prospect of a catastrophic conflict on the Korean Peninsula is so alarming that U.S. allies and China urged President Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un to soften their rhetoric and start a dialogue to find a diplomatic solution to their standoff.

Several steps are possible to go that diplomatic route, including a halt to incendiary threats, recognition that North Korea is a nuclear-armed state and a freeze on further nuclear weapons and missile tests by Kim's regime, experts on the crisis say.

None of those steps would be easy, as Trump underscored Thursday in declaring that his warning to unleash "fire and fury" on North Korea perhaps "wasn't tough enough."

His harsh comments triggered the biggest one-day drop in stocks since May.

But Trump said he was open to negotiations to try to bridge a huge gap between his goal — that Kim give up his nuclear weapons — and the North Korean dictator's insistence on retaining them as an insurance policy against being overthrown by the United States.

Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush tried diplomacy with North Korea, but the regime reneged on agreements to curb its weapons programs.

Although diplomacy is risky, analysts said the two sides can make these moves to try to go down that road again and avoid military conflict.

▶ **Lower the rhetoric.** "The more we threaten, the worse the situation is going to get," said Jenny Town, assistant director of the U.S.-Korea Institute at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

Neither side has backed off the flame-throwing talk.

"North Korea better get their act together, or they're going to

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N. KOREA TO GUAM IN 14 MINUTES

If North Korea fired missiles toward Guam, they would take about 14 minutes to reach the island, said Guam Homeland Security spokeswoman Jenna Gaminde. She said residents would be immediately notified by the 15 All-Hazards Alert Warning System sirens located in low-lying areas throughout the island. North Korea announced Thursday that it has a detailed plan for a missile strike near Guam using four intermediate-range ballistic missiles. "Our office will be notified from the military and will utilize all forms of mass communication to get the message out to the public," Gaminde said.

Eclipses throughout history: Bad omens, hungry dragons

Solar blackouts used to be terrifying things

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"Dragon devours sun, spits it back out."

That could have been a headline in an ancient Chinese newspaper the day after a total solar eclipse.

We've known for years that the Great American Eclipse will cross the USA from Oregon to South Carolina on Aug. 21. Imagine how

freaked out you'd be if you didn't know it was coming.

"Many years ago, people were surprised and terrified when an eclipse occurred," former NASA astronomer Fred Espenak says in his booklet *Get Eclipsed*.

Myths in many cultures claimed animals such as dragons, frogs, snakes or jaguars devoured the sun during a solar eclipse, then regurgitated or excreted it back out, says astronomy historian Steve Ruskin, author of the book *America's First Great Eclipse*. "Early words for eclipses in China were to eat or devour."

Vikings thought eclipses were caused by two great wolves chas-



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The Peruvian Incas, who worshiped the sun, despaired during a lunar eclipse, banging drums and tambourines and screaming.

ing the sun and moon across the sky, and Mayans imagined snakes were eating the celestial bodies.

The moment the sun was totally eclipsed, "people would do all kinds of things to make the sun return," Espenak says. "In China, they would light fires or shoot arrows at the sun to try to make it catch fire again."

People thought of solar and lunar eclipses as bad omens or as portents of doom, says Cameron Gibelyou of the University of Michigan. Deaths of famous people have occurred around eclipses, which have helped fueled the fear: Charlemagne's son, Emperor Louis the Pious, may have died

after the terror he felt during an eclipse May 5, 840, Gibelyou says. It wasn't always bad news.

A total eclipse on May 28, 585 B.C., occurred during a war in eastern Turkey between the Lydians and Medes. Greek historian Herodotus reported that the combatants were so disturbed by the sight of the sun being "devoured" that they stopped fighting and made peace.

And some cultures saw eclipses as a good thing, such as the Tahitians or the Wolpiri people of the Australian Aborigines, Gibelyou says. Those groups thought an eclipse "involves an amorous encounter between sun and moon."

Trump says he doesn't plan on firing Mueller

Dismissal rumors were generated by media, he says

Gregory Korte
USA TODAY

BEDMINSTER, N.J. President Trump says he does not intend to fire special counsel Robert Mueller, whose federal investigation into Russia's election meddling he frequently denounces as a "witch hunt" or a "hoax."

"I haven't given it any thought," Trump told reporters. "I've been reading about it from you people. You say, 'Oh, I'm going to dismiss him.' No, I'm not dismissing anybody."

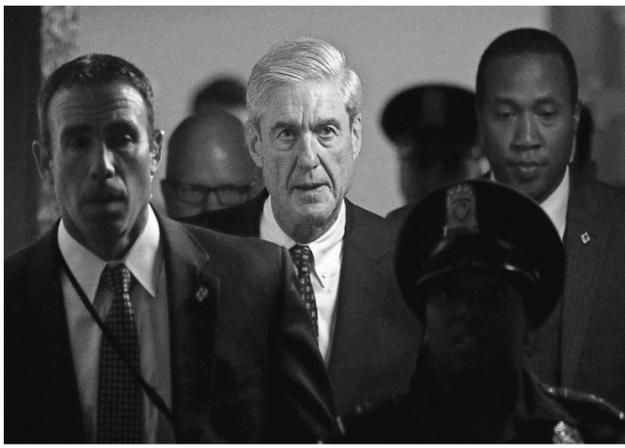
Trump says he supports the ongoing Russia investigations, including those taking place on Capitol Hill, where multiple panels are also investigating possible collusion between Trump associates and Russians who sought to influence the 2016 presidential election.

"I want them to get on with the task," Trump said. "But I also want the Senate and the House to come out with their findings."

Trump once again insisted that he did not collude with Russia. "We have an investigation of something that never took place," he said.

For weeks, Washington political circles have been on high alert for the possibility Trump would remove Mueller or otherwise try to assert greater control of the ongoing federal Russia probe.

Yet earlier this week, Trump's chief lawyer indicated the president was looking to cooperate with Mueller.



Special counsel Robert Mueller, center, is investigating Russia's meddling in the 2016 presidential election.

Through his lawyer John Dowd, Trump has sent private messages of "appreciation and greetings" to the special counsel, as USA TODAY first reported on Tuesday.

"He appreciates what Bob Mueller is doing," Dowd said. "He asked me to share that with him and that's what I've done."

Firing Mueller, Dowd said, has "never been on the table."

Trump has said previously that Mueller's job is not necessary because he hasn't done anything wrong, and he has accused him of having unspecified conflicts of interest.

After Trump publicly attacked Attorney General Jeff Sessions last month, lawmakers from both parties have introduced legislation that would require judges to review any presidential firing, and force the president to provide specific legal reasons for taking such action.

Trump cannot fire Mueller directly, but he can fire Sessions. And a new, more pliable attorney general — without conflicts in the Russia investigation — could oust the special counsel.

Trump, who had criticized Sessions for recusing himself from the Russia investigation, said Thursday that their relationship is "is what it is. It's fine."

None of the debate over his tenure has deterred Mueller, who is using at least two grand juries — in Virginia and Washington,

D.C. — to advance the Russia investigation.

The clearest sign of the investigation's escalation came Wednesday when a spokesman for Trump's former campaign chairman Paul Manafort confirmed that FBI agents had raided Manafort's Virginia home last month — a move that "surprised" Trump.

"I thought it was a very, very strong signal," the president said, adding that he had not spoken with Manafort for some time. "They (the FBI) do that very seldom, so I was surprised to see it. I was very, very surprised to see it."

Asked whether the pre-dawn raid was appropriate, Trump said: "You'd have to ask them (the FBI). I've always found Paul Manafort to be a very decent man. He's like a lot of other people, probably makes consultant fees from all over the place."

"I don't know," Trump said, referring back to the July 26 raid, "but I thought it was pretty tough stuff to wake him up, perhaps his family was there."

The raid, first reported by *The Washington Post*, targeted financial records and other materials as part of Mueller's wide-ranging inquiry. Manafort's dealings on behalf of pro-Russia interests in Ukraine has been a long-running focus of federal authorities.

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NOAA confirms 2016 as the hottest year on record

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The federal government confirmed 2016 as the planet's warmest year on record, according to a report released Thursday by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The combined influence of long-term global warming and a strong El Niño early in the year led to last year's all-time record heat, NOAA said.

While El Niño is a natural warming of Pacific Ocean water, man-made global warming is caused by greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere from the burning of fossil fuels such as oil, gas and coal.

The amount of carbon dioxide, one of the main greenhouse gases, in the atmosphere climbed to its highest level in 800,000 years, the report found.

The report also noted other signs of a warming planet in 2016:

► Greenhouse gases were the highest on record.

► Sea-surface temperatures were the highest on record.

► Global upper ocean heat content were at a near-record high.

► Global sea level was the highest on record.

► Antarctic had a record low sea ice extent.

Known as the State of the Climate, the annual report is prepared by more than 450 scientists

from more than 60 countries and published in conjunction with the American Meteorological Society.

It's the most comprehensive annual summary of Earth's climate.

The U.S. alone endured 15 separate weather or climate-related disasters last year.

At a cost of some \$46 billion, it amounted to the second-highest total since 1980, when the records began.

The report comes just days after President Trump officially informed the United Nations of his plan to remove the U.S. from the Paris climate agreement, which the U.S. joined in 2016. Trump announced his plan to withdraw on June 1.

A separate study published Thursday found it is "extremely unlikely" that 2014, 2015 and 2016 would have been the warmest consecutive years on record without the influence of human-caused climate change.

That study, published in the peer-reviewed journal *Geophysical Research Letters*, said the likelihood of seeing three straight record-breaking years without the effects of climate change is "no greater than 0.03%."

"With climate change, this is the kind of thing we would expect to see. And without climate change, we really would not expect to see it," said Michael Mann, a climate scientist at Pennsylvania State University and lead author of the study.



Marina Vanegas stretches out in the cool waters of Wintler Park in Vancouver, Wash., on Thursday.

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Kids with life-changing injuries have the experience of a lifetime in a giant aquarium.

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Diplomatic solution might require some painful concessions

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be in trouble like few nations ever have been in trouble in this world," Trump said Thursday.

Earlier Thursday, North Korea issued its own threats, saying it was developing plans to fire missiles near Guam, a U.S. territory in the Pacific with a major U.S. military presence.

► **Acknowledge North Korea as a nuclear power.** This may be the toughest step to take for the United States.

"Politically, we can't and we won't recognize them as a nuclear power," said David Maxwell, a retired Army colonel who is associate director of Georgetown University's Center for Security Studies.

In reality, North Korea already is. Kim has dozens of nuclear weapons, and his regime has advanced its missile technology dramatically in recent years to be capable of striking U.S. cities.

"We don't think having a dialogue where the North Koreans come to the table assuming they're going to maintain their nuclear weapons is productive," Secretary of State Rex Tillerson has said.

There are possible openings. North Korea would probably participate in discussions to halt or reduce its nuclear weapons stockpile even if it wouldn't agree initially to abandon the program, Maxwell said.

► **Suspend joint military exercises.** Once they began talks, the United States and North Korea might agree on other issues. The North has long opposed joint military exercises between the United States and its ally South Korea, where 28,000 U.S. troops are stationed.

The United States has shown a willingness to negotiate over the exercises, although its conces-

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Secretary of State **Rex Tillerson**

sion didn't lead to a diplomatic breakthrough. Team Spirit, a joint U.S.-Korean exercise, was canceled for a time in the 1990s in an effort to get North Korea to halt its nuclear program and allow international inspectors.

► **Ease sanctions.** The United States could suspend some sanctions on North Korea if the regime took action to curb its nuclear program. Economic sanctions over more than a decade have done little to halt the North's weapons development programs.

Analysts said the economic pressure is not working, mainly because China, North Korea's largest trading partner, has not been vigorous in enforcing the sanctions. The North's economy grew 3.9% last year over the previous year, the largest increase since 1999, according to South Korea's central bank.

"There is always a diplomatic solution," Town said. "It's just a matter of if there is a political will to get past the opposition to it."

Most Baby Boomers like where they are

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The crunch has driven home prices up. The S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller national home price index was up 5.6% in May from a year earlier, hitting an all-time high. Some markets are frothier, with average home prices up 13.3% in Seattle and 7.9% in Dallas.

"The housing shortage forced many first-time homebuyers to consider smaller homes and condos as a way to literally get their foot in the door," says Danielle Hale, chief economist for Realtor.com. "Our survey data reveals that we may see more of these homes hitting the market in the next year, but whether these owners actually list will depend on whether they can find another home."

Realtor.com, a real estate listing site operated by News Corp., surveyed 1,054 randomly selected homeowners across the U.S. July 6 to July 13.

A vast majority of those who are at or near retirement age like where they are, the survey found. Eighty-five percent of Boomers said they have no plans to sell their home in the next year. Homeownership among Boomers is at 78%, or about 33 million properties. That's nearly twice as high as Millennials. Older age groups have historically moved less frequently than younger home buyers.

But the market dynamics have shifted because more people are in the older age groups than in past years. People ages 55-74 made up 21% of the population in 2015, compared with 16% in 1985.

John Clark, 72, a retired teacher, considered moving from his three-bedroom house in Greeley, Colo., to retirement mecca Phoenix. But, he says, "I've developed friends here. I'm with the (Veterans Administration). Why would I want to move?"

"Boomers hold the key to those homes the market desperately needs, both in the urban condo and the detached suburban home segment," Realtor.com's Hale says. "But with a strong economy and

rising home prices, there's really no reason for established homeowners to sell in the short term. Although downsizing might be on the minds of Boomers, they face the same inventory shortages and price increases plaguing Millennials."

For example, there are fewer new homes for Boomers and others to buy. The number of housing starts remains about 35% below normal levels despite a gradual climb since the mid-2000s real estate crash. And nearly 10% of homeowners owe more on their mortgages than their houses are worth, down from 29% in 2012, according to ATTOM Data Solutions, but still higher than the historical average of about 5%. That prevents many of those "underwater" homeowners from selling.

Also, the gap between trade-up homes and premium homes has widened, pricing out many Boomers who would like to move up, says Ralph McLaughlin, chief economist of real estate research firm Trulia.

Combine those headwinds with the fact that many Boomers are content with their houses. When those who are reluctant to sell were asked why they plan to remain, 72% said their home meets their family's needs. Thirteen percent cited financial security concerns and 12% the need to make home improvements.

Boomers also appear less eager to move to a traditional retirement locale, such as Florida or Arizona, and more interested in maintaining close ties with family and friends, Hale says.

Among the 35% of homeowners who said they're planning to sell in the next year, more than half of them were Millennials looking for larger homes or better features. The supply of starter homes in the market is down 17% from a year ago, and medium-sized houses are down 10%.

"Millennials with plans to sell could mean good news for buyers, as starter homes remain the most sought-after price point in today's market," the report said.

Opioids to be declared a national emergency

Presidential action would make crisis a federal priority

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BEDMINSTER, N.J. President Trump said Thursday that he intends to declare a state of national emergency in response to the opioid crisis, a move that would give the federal government expanded powers and additional resources to prevent and treat overdoses.

"We're going to make it a national emergency," Trump said from his New Jersey golf club. "It is a serious problem the likes of which we have never had."

Trump said he is "drawing documents now" to officially label the crisis as a national emergency, a formal action that would have symbolic and legal power. The last time a president took similar action was in 2009, when President Obama declared a one-year state of national emergency to prepare for the H1N1 influenza virus.

A formal presidential declaration — when coupled with a public health emergency declared by the secretary of Health and Human Services — would give the administration additional powers to waive health regulations, pay for treatment programs and make overdose-reversing drugs more widely available.

"Declaring it a national emergency instantly identifies this crisis as the most important public health emergency we've had since this nomenclature came about," said James Hodge Jr., a law professor at Arizona State University who specializes in public health law and emergency preparedness. "This is that serious of a crisis."

Hodge said presidential action



President Trump and Vice President Pence are devoting federal attention to opioid addiction.

"You know, when I was growing up, they had the LSD, and they had certain generations of drugs. There's never been anything like what's happened to this country over the last four or five years."

President Trump

would focus national attention on a problem killing an average of 150 Americans a day. The governors of Alaska, Arizona, Florida, Maryland and Virginia have issued some form of emergency declaration on opioids in their states.

A presidential proclamation could trigger specific tools for federal and state governments. They include:

► The availability of grants from the Public Health Emergencies Fund. The Health and Human Services Department wouldn't say how much remains in that fund, but the fund had a balance of \$57,000 after Congress failed to replenish it after last

year's Zika virus outbreak.

► A suspension of some of the patient privacy provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

► Waivers to Medicaid rules that forbid the federal reimbursement for admissions to mental health hospitals, which have traditionally been a state responsibility.

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to say this in all fairness, this is a worldwide problem, not just a United States problem."

Trump's remarks represented an about-face from earlier this week, when Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price said the administration had the resources to combat the epidemic without formally invoking the emergency powers.

"The president certainly believes we should treat this as an emergency, and it is an emergency," Price said after meeting with Trump. "Look, when you have the capacity of Yankee Stadium or Dodger Stadium dying every single year in this nation, that's a crisis that has to be given incredible attention."

An interim report from a White House commission issued last week called for a national emergency in response to the opioid epidemic.

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IN BRIEF

TRUMP THANKS PUTIN FOR EXPELLING U.S. DIPLOMATS

Russian President Vladimir Putin expelled hundreds of U.S. diplomats from Russia, a move that would ordinarily result in a spiraling deterioration in diplomatic relations.

But President Trump? He's not mad.

"I want to thank him because we're trying to cut down our payroll and as far as I'm concerned, I'm very thankful that he let go of a large number of people — because now we have a smaller payroll." Trump said from his golf club in Bedminster, N.J.

Last month, the Russian Foreign Ministry ordered that the U.S. Embassy cut 755 positions by Sept. 1, which would leave 455 U.S. diplomatic personnel in the country.

The move, ordered by Putin, was meant to be a punishment for tough new U.S. financial sanctions against Russia. Congress pushed the sanctions to target Russia for its campaign of cyberattacks and fake news to influence the presidential election.

CAPUCHIN FRIAR IN GUAM ACCUSED OF ABUSING BOY

A Capuchin brother is accused of sexually abusing a boy by grabbing his private parts, purportedly to teach the child how to have sex with his girlfriend, according to a lawsuit filed Thursday in Guam Superior Court.

The suit represents the 97th person accusing the clergy of sexual abuse. The lawsuits have been filed in local and federal courts and involve the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Agaña or a religious order.

"Brother Vernon (T. Kamiaz) told plaintiff that he could teach plaintiff how to 'break down her defenses' so that he could have sex with her," according to the lawsuit. "Plaintiff objected, saying that he respected his girlfriend's wishes to abstain until marriage."

The alleged abuse happened between 1989 and 1990 while the boy, identified as E.M., was at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church in Agaña Heights, the lawsuit says.

LONDON BUS PLOWS INTO SHOP



Emergency workers examine a bus after it crashed Thursday into a shop in London, leaving two people trapped and several injured. Witnesses said the driver blacked out.

MCCAIN PROPOSES OWN AFGHANISTAN STRATEGY

Frustrated by what he says is a lack of direction from the Trump administration on the Afghanistan war, Senate Armed Services Chairman John McCain is taking strategy into his own hands and calling for an increase in U.S. troops there.

The Arizona Republican announced Thursday that he is offering an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act for 2018 that would offer a strategy for dealing with the war.

For months, the White House and Pentagon have been wrangling over a new strategy for Afghanistan, where U.S. forces have been fighting since 2001 and the Taliban insurgency has revitalized in recent years.

ALSO ...

► Commentator Jeffrey Lord, one of President Trump's staunchest defenders on cable news, was dumped by CNN Thursday after he tweeted a Nazi salute to a liberal media analyst. "Nazi salutes are indefensible," a CNN spokesperson said in a statement.

► The U.S. has expelled two Cuban diplomats in retaliation for a bizarre incident involving a covert sonic device that purportedly left a group of American diplomats in Havana with severe hearing loss. Cuba has strongly denied any wrongdoing.

Staff and wire reports

Travel ban defense begins at high court

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WASHINGTON The Trump administration urged the Supreme Court on Thursday to end the six-month legal battle over its immigrant and refugee travel ban by ruling that it is all about national security, not religion.

In a lengthy brief that served as the opening salvo in a Supreme Court case scheduled for oral argument two months from today, the Justice Department argued that Trump's vow to ban Muslims during last year's presidential campaign is legally, if not rhetorically, irrelevant.

The travel ban's challengers, including Hawaii and a coalition of immigrant rights groups, will respond next month as the court showdown approaches.

In the meantime, however, the two sides continue to joust in a federal appeals court in California over the Supreme Court's orders in June and July that allowed the ban to take effect temporarily, but with exceptions for close relatives of U.S. citizens and certain refugees.

That court has scheduled a hearing for Aug. 28.

The saga began Jan. 27, when Trump issued an executive order entitled "Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States."

It suspended travel from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen for 90 days, blocked all refugees for 120 days, and suspended travel from Syria.

The action led to chaos at airports in the U.S. and overseas, followed within hours by temporary restraining orders and, over the next few weeks, a series of federal court rulings striking down the ban.

Trump urges McConnell, GOP to 'get back to work'

President tweets from vacation on tax policy and more

Eliza Collins
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON President Trump wants Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and the rest of the GOP-majority Congress to "get back to work" on passing his agenda, an edict he issued amid his 17-day vacation at his golf club in New Jersey.

Trump's tweet is the third directed at McConnell in two days and follows one from his aide Dan Scavino Jr. accusing the Kentucky Republican of "more excuses" as to why the GOP-controlled Senate was not able to pass a repeal of Obamacare.

"I say very simply, where is repeal and replace? Now I want tax reform and tax cuts ... and I want a very big infrastructure bill," Trump told reporters at a press briefing Thursday afternoon in New Jersey. "I said, Mitch, get to work and let's get it done."

Trump was also asked whether McConnell should consider stepping down.

"If he doesn't get repeal and replace done and if he doesn't get taxes done, meaning cuts and reform, and if he doesn't get a very easy one to get done — infrastructure," Trump said. "If he doesn't get them done, then you can ask me that question."

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, a member of Senate leadership, defended McConnell as "the best leader we've had in my time in the Senate." Hatch was first elected to the Senate in 1976.

This week, McConnell blamed Trump's "excessive expectations" as the reason the GOP agenda was in limbo, an accusation that the president denied.

"Part of the reason I think is that the story line is that we haven't done much is because, in part, the president and others have set these early timelines about things need to be done by a certain



President Trump has called out Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell three times in two days via Twitter.

"I think (Trump) had excessive expectations about how quickly things happen in the democratic process."

Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.

point," McConnell said in Florence, Ky., on Tuesday. "Our new president has of course not been in this line of work before and I think had excessive expectations about how quickly things happen in the democratic process."

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders confirmed a *New York Times* report that Trump and McConnell spoke by phone this week. "Health care was certainly discussed," she said.

The Senate broke for their month-long recess after Republicans narrowly failed to repeal the Affordable Care Act late last month. Following the vote, McConnell said it was "time to move on" from their party-line repeal effort and look instead toward a tax overhaul and other priorities.

The Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee an-

nounced it would be taking a bipartisan approach to try to stabilize markets in the short term to try to keep premiums from skyrocketing.

Still, Trump and some conservatives are not ready to give up on repealing Obamacare, though it is unclear what the president has in mind for reviving the legislation.

Details on how Congress plans to tackle tax policy remain vague, yet a group of top GOP congressional leaders and administration officials released a joint statement late last month outlining their intent to move forward, which included a few key principles.

McConnell also has said that the Senate will use a legislative procedure for the tax bill that allows Republicans to pass a bill with a simple majority rather than the 60 votes normally required. Republicans hold a narrow 52-48 majority in the Senate.

Some skeptics wonder whether there will be enough time to agree on major legislation in the remaining days.

When lawmakers return to Washington, the Senate's calendar has about 60 workdays for the rest of the year, and the first priority likely will be passing a spending bill to keep the government running after the current fiscal year expires Sept. 30.

SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM	
LOCAL CHANNELS													
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight Brie Larson; 98 Degrees. (N)	America's Got Talent "Judge Cuts 4" Guest judge Seal.		Dateline NBC (N)		WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Naomi Watts; Andy Cohen; Jo Koy. (N)		
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	MacGyver "Pliers" A young prodigy is kidnapped.		Blue Bloods (DVS)		CBS News Special: Son of Sam: The Killer Speaks	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert Stephen's take on the news of the day. (N)	
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Great American Cities: Chicago"	Jeopardy! Teen Tournament Week 2	Shark Tank Smartphone security app; bicycle breaks. (DVS)		(:01) What Would You Do?	20/20		ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	
WRJA	27	11	14	Mindfulness Goes Mainstream: The power of mindfulness meditation.		Washington Week (N)	Charlie Rose -- The Week (N)		Rock, Rhythm and Doo Wop: Little Richard and others perform.		Visions of Europe: An aerial tour of Europe.		
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory "The Sales Call Sublimation"	The Big Bang Theory Wolowitz returns from space.	MasterChef "The MasterChef Returns" Shaun O'Neale; coconut-themed challenge. (DVS)		Beat Shazam "Episode Nine" (DVS)		WACH FOX News at 10 (N)	Sports Zone	2 Broke Girls Max loses Randy's dog while pet-sitting.	Mike & Molly Molly meets the friend of her dreams.
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing "Thanksgiving"	Last Man Standing Bud gives Boyd a spanking.	Masters of Illusion Farrell Dillon; Barry and Stuart.	Masters of Illusion	Penn & Teller: Fool Us "Does This Trick Ring a Bell?" Featured magicians include Dyno Staats.	American Ninja Warrior "MidSouth Regional Qualifying Round" Competitors from the MidSouth region.	American Ninja Warrior "MidSouth Regional Qualifying Round" Competitors from the MidSouth region.		Hot in Cleveland Emmy visits with surprising news.	
CABLE CHANNELS													
A&E	46	130	(5:00) Live PD "Live PD -- 08.05.17" Riding along with law enforcement.	(:06) Live PD: Rewind "Live PD: Rewind No. 37" (N)	** "Clash of the Titans" (2010, Fantasy) Zeus, embarks on a dangerous journey.	** "Pompeii" (2014, Adventure) Kit Harington, Carrie-Anne Moss. Premiere. A gladiator tries to get home to save the woman he loves.							
AMC	48	180	(5:30) *** "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994) Tim Robbins.	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters: Out on a Limb	Treehouse Masters (N)	(:01) Treehouse Masters (N)	(:01) Treehouse Masters					
ANPL	41	100	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters: Out on a Limb	Treehouse Masters (N)	(:01) Treehouse Masters (N)	(:01) Treehouse Masters						
BET	61	162	(5:30) ** "The Players Club" (1998, Comedy-Drama) LisaRaye, Bernie Mac.	(:05) *** "House Party" (1990, Musical Comedy) Robin Harris, Full Force, Kid 'N Play. Two teenage rappers try to throw a party.									
BRAVO	47	181	Housewives/OC	(:24) The Real Housewives of Orange County	(:26) *** "The Other Guys" (2010, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg, Eva Mendes. Two desk-bound detectives get a chance to work on a real case.	(10:58) *** "The Other Guys" (2010) Will Ferrell. Two desk-bound detectives get a chance to work on a real case.							
CNBC	35	84	Secret Lives	Secret Lives	Secret Lives	Secret Lives	Secret Lives	Secret Lives	Secret Lives	Secret Lives	Secret Lives	Secret Lives	
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	CNN Special Report	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	
COM	57	136	(6:50) Futurama	(:25) South Park	South Park "Probably"	*** "Wedding Crashers" (2005, Comedy) Owen Wilson, Vince Vaughn, Christopher Walken. Partygoers spend a wild weekend with a politician's family.							
DISN	18	200	Andi Mack	Raven's Home Nia contacts her father.	Raven's Home (N)	K.C. Undercover (N) (DVS)	Bizaardvark (N)	Andi Mack	Stuck in the Middle	Raven's Home	K.C. Undercover	Bizaardvark	Stuck in the Middle
DSC	42	103	Bering Sea Gold	Bering Sea Gold "Gold Getters"	Bering Sea Gold "Big Cold Gold"	(:01) Alaskan Bush People	(:01) Bering Sea Gold "Big Cold Gold"	Alaskan Bush					
ESPN	26	35	Little League Baseball Mid-Atlantic Regional, Second Semifinal: Teams TBA. (N)	Little League Baseball West Regional, Second Semifinal: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)									
ESPN2	27	39	(6:30) ATP Tennis Rogers Cup, Quarterfinals. (N) (Live)	Heisman Hse	Morningside 5								
FOOD	40	109	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	The Five (N)								
FREE	20	131	(6:00) *** "X-Men" (2000) Hugh Jackman. Two groups of mutated humans square off against each other.	*** "X-Men" (2000, Action) Hugh Jackman, Patrick Stewart, Ian McKellen. Two groups of mutated humans square off against each other.									
FSS	21	47	Driven	WNBA Basketball New York Liberty at Atlanta Dream. (N) (Live)									
HALL	52	183	Last Man Standing "The Dad Hat"	Last Man Standing	Chesapeake Shores "Secrets, Lies and School Supplies" Abby balls out Trace.	The Middle "The College Tour"	The Middle "The Christmas Wall"	The Middle "Pam Freakin' Staggs"	The Middle "A Quarry Story"	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls "Charlie's Buddy"	The Golden Girls "The Artist"	
HGTV	39	112	Fixer Upper "Retiring to the Country"	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Dream Home	
HIST	45	110	Ancient Aliens "The Replicants"	Ancient Aliens "Aliens and Monsters"	Ancient Aliens (N)								
ION	13	18	Law & Order "Smoke" A comic's baby is dropped from a window.	Law & Order "Couples" Mysterious homicides.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Uncle" A homeless man is a suspect.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Detectives have trouble building a case.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Detectives have trouble building a case.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Uncle" A homeless man is a suspect.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Detectives have trouble building a case.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Detectives have trouble building a case.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Detectives have trouble building a case.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Detectives have trouble building a case.	
LIFE	50	145	(6:00) ** "If I Stay" (2014, Romance) Chloë Grace Moretz. Premiere.	*** "The Sixth Sense" (1999, Suspense) Bruce Willis, Haley Joel Osment, Toni Collette. A child psychologist counsels a boy who can see dead people.									
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word							
NICK	16	210	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	
SPIKE	64	153	(6:00) ** "Jurassic Park III"	*** "Jurassic Park" (1993) Sam Neill. Cloned dinosaurs run amok at an island-jungle theme park.									
SYFY	58	152	(5:30) *** "Annabelle" (2014, Horror) Annabelle Wallis, Ward Horton.	Killjoys "The Wolf You Feed" Dutch risks a dangerous procedure. (N)	Dark Matter A memory leads to a Dwarf Star facility. (N)	(:01) Wynonna Earp "I See a Darkness" The team has a deadly run-in. (N)	"Empire of the Sharks" (2017, Drama) John Savage. Two friends risk their lives to rise against their captor.						
TBS	24	156	Seinfeld "The Frogger"	Seinfeld "The Maid"	** "Get Hard" (2015, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Kevin Hart, Craig T. Nelson. A prison-bound millionaire asks a black man for advice. (DVS)	ELeague: Road to the International Dota 2 Championships (N)	** "Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo" (1999) Rob Schneider. An aquarium cleaner becomes a gigolo for quick cash.						
TCM	49	186	(6:15) *** "Bachelor Mother" (1939) Ginger Rogers, David Niven.	*** "Kitty Foyle" (1940, Drama) Ginger Rogers, Dennis Morgan, James Craig. Philadelphia working girl handles tragedy and suitors. (DVS)	*** "Top Hat" (1935, Musical) Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers, Edward Everett Horton. A woman mistakes the identity of a dancer romancing her. (DVS)	** "Dreamboat" (1952)							
TLC	43	157	Say Yes to the Dress UK	Princess Diana: Tragedy or Treason? The life and death of Princess Diana.	Princess Diana: Tragedy or Treason?								
TNT	23	158	Bones "The Man in the Morgue" Brennan wakes up bloodied and beaten.	*** "Batman Begins" (2005, Action) Christian Bale, Michael Caine, Liam Neeson. Bruce Wayne becomes Gotham City's Dark Knight. (DVS)	(:01) Claws "Tirana" Desna is entangled in a scheme. (DVS)	(12:07) Claws "Funerary"							
TRUTV	38	129	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Adam Ruins	Adam Ruins	Impactical Jokers	Impactical Jokers	Impactical Jokers	Impactical Jokers	Impactical Jokers	Impactical Jokers	
TV LAND	55	161	M*A*S*H	(:36) M*A*S*H	(:12) M*A*S*H	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	
USA	25	132	Modern Family An earthquake hits.	Modern Family (DVS)	Modern Family "Unplugged"	Modern Family "Halloween"	Modern Family "Chirp"	Modern Family (DVS)	Modern Family "Mother Tucker"	Modern Family (DVS)	Modern Family "Boys' Night"	Modern Family Jay's brother visits. (DVS)	
WE	68	166	CSI: Miami "Stalkerazzi"	CSI: Miami "Invasion"	Kendra on Top (N)	Kendra on Top (N)	Million Dollar Matchmaker (N)	Kendra on Top	Kendra on Top	Kendra on Top	Kendra on Top	Matchmaker	
WGNA	8	172	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	

Netflix's 'Atypical' takes a comical approach to autism

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

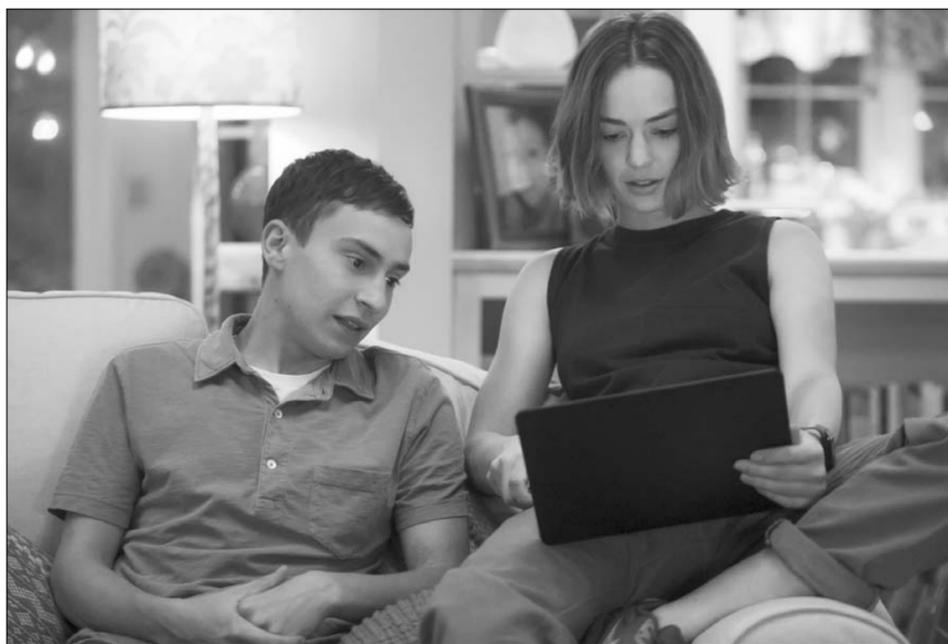
Chances are, people will be talking about "Atypical" (TV-MA). The new eight-episode comedy begins streaming today on Netflix. It features Jennifer Jason Leigh and Michael Rapaport as Elsa and Doug, parents of smart, sweet, autistic teenager Sam (Keir Gilchrist).

Comedies and dramas from "The Big Bang Theory" to "Parenthood" have featured autistic characters. But in this case, Sam's experiences and observations are the center of the show. It may seem daring to create an autistic "star," but it can also seem gimmicky. It's as if Sam's awkward nature, his inability to make eye contact with girls and obsessive return to favorite subjects (in his case penguins and the Antarctic) are just a few quirks beyond the neurotic tics of the Woody Allen variety.

Sam's peculiar statements and outbursts work occasionally as comedy, but much of the plot unfolds like clockwork. From his parent's squabbles, to his sister's (Brigitte Lundy-Paine) efforts to defend him, "Atypical" quickly and a bit mechanically establishes the strains that coping with a social outcast can make on the "normal" members of a family.

Amy Okuda stars as Sam's pleasant therapist, Julia. Too many of her lines are of the didactic variety, and sound like talking points on autism suitable for an after-school special.

Sam works at a big-box electronics store, the umpteenth television character to do so since the 2007 comedy series "Chuck" borrowed the idea from "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," a 2005 Judd Apatow movie. And as in that film, the first episode of "Atypical" dwells on Sam's cringe-worthy efforts to find intimacy.



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Keir Gilchrist stars as Sam and Brigitte Lundy-Paine as his sister, Casey, in "Atypical," now streaming on Netflix.

The big-box store has taken on an ominous luster in the past 10 years. Just this past week, we've seen a much darker character from "Mr. Mercedes" employed in a similar setting.

I'm not an expert, so I will let autism specialists or family members of those on the spectrum judge "Atypical" for itself. But as an original comedy, it's derivative, painfully awkward and yet predictable at the same time.

Speaking of ticking off boxes, the "CBS News Special: Son of Sam: The Killer Speaks" (10 p.m., CBS) is the latest to revisit the serial killings that terrorized New York in the mid-'70s.

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

Note: Network listings may be affected by local NFL and

- The James Bond franchise.
- The New York Giants host the Pittsburgh Steelers in preseason NFL action (7 p.m., NFL).
- The judges make cuts on "America's Got Talent" (8 p.m., NBC, r, TV-PG).
- A past champion returns on "MasterChef" (8 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14).
- Smartphone security on "Shark Tank" (8 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG).
- Dutch goes AWOL on "Killjoys" (8 p.m., Syfy, TV-14).
- A suave spy (Sean Connery) travels to Jamaica to thwart a rocket-launching madman in the 1962 thriller "Dr. No" (8:08 p.m., Starz Encore), the film that launched

- the James Bond franchise.
- Shawn faces a legal setback as "Bering Sea Gold" (9 p.m., Discovery, TV-14) enters its ninth season.
- TCM spends 24 hours with Ginger Rogers, star of musical, comedy and dramatic films, including the 1935 bauble "Top Hat" (10 p.m., TCM), co-starring Fred Astaire and Edward Everett Horton.

CULT CHOICE

John Wayne stars in the 1972 Western "The Cowboys" (8 p.m., Outdoor). The film marked Robert Carradine's screen debut and featured a score by John Williams.

SERIES NOTES

Kidnappers snatch a prodigy on "MacGyver" (8 p.m., CBS, r, TV-PG) * On "Masters of Illusion" (CW, TV-14), Farrell Dillon (8 p.m.), R.J. Cantu (8:30 p.m., r) * A community activist faces deportation on "Blue Bloods" (9 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) * Jamie Foxx hosts "Beat Shazam" (9 p.m., Fox, r, TV-PG) * John Quinones hosts "What Would You Do?" (9 p.m., ABC) * Illusionists audition on "Penn & Teller: Fool Us" (9 p.m., CW, r, TV-PG).

LATE NIGHT

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS) offers a new monologue and a glance at the week's best moments * Jimmy Fallon welcomes Naomi Watts, Andy Cohen and Jo Koy on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) * Molly Shannon, Matthew Rhys and Bleachers visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC, r) * Ed Helms, Priyanka Chopra, Kaya Scodelario and Paramore are on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., CBS, r).

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SATURDAY EVENING AUGUST 12

SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM			
LOCAL CHANNELS															
WIS	10	3	10	Entertainment Tonight (N)		America's Got Talent "Road to Finals" Some of the best moments of Season 12.			Dateline NBC		WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:29) Saturday Night Live "Louis C.K.; The Chainsmokers" Louis C.K.; The Chainsmokers perform.			
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Hottest Money-Making Secrets Exposed!	Doubt "Running Out of Time" Sadie gives closing arguments. (N)		Doubt "The Return" (Season Finale) Sadie discovers Billy's secret. (N)		48 Hours		News 19 at 11pm (N)	Blue Bloods "Insult to Injury" A woman threatens to kill a man.		
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "America's Game"	Jeopardy!	America's Funniest Home Videos Contestants vie for the grand prize.		The \$100,000 Pyramid Aaron Rodgers; Erin Andrews.		20/20: In an Instant "Terror in the Library" A man takes hostages at a library.		ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	American Ninja Warrior "Houston Finals" Obstacles include Crazy Cliffhanger. (Part 2 of 2)		
WRJA	27	11	14	Lawrence Welk: God Bless America: Bandleader's centennial.		The Doctor Blake Mysteries "An Invincible Summer" A family is found slain.			Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries "Murder and Mozzarella" An Italian grandmother is murdered.		SCETV Favorites		SCETV Favorites		
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The F Word With Gordon Ramsay "Episode Five" Special celebrity guest star. (DVS)		Love Connection "Grits Me Baby One More Time!" (DVS)		WACH FOX News at 10 (N)		Panthers Huddle: Camp Wofford	American Grit "Cena Says" The final four are revealed. (DVS)	Ring of Honor Wrestling	
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Eve is asked to be a kicker.	Last Man Standing Boyd gets in trouble at a party.	Rookie Blue "Class Dismissed" Andy and Swarek track a teen.		Leverage "The Bank Shot Job" Nate, Sophie and the mark are taken hostage.		Anger Management Charlie returns to therapy.		Anger Management "Charlie and the Slumpbuster"	Bob's Burgers "Gayle Makin' Bob Sled"	Bob's Burgers "Nice-Capades"	Tosh.0 "What What in the Butt."
CABLE CHANNELS															
A&E	46	130	(5:00) Live PD "Live PD -- 08.04.17" Riding along with law enforcement.	(:06) Live PD: Rewind "Live PD: Rewind No. 38" (N)	Live PD "Live PD -- 08.12.17" Riding along with law enforcement. (N) (Live)			Live PD "Live PD -- 08.12.17"		Live PD "Live PD -- 08.12.17"		Live PD "Live PD -- 08.12.17"			
AMC	48	180	(6:00) *** "Tombstone" (1993, Western) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer, Michael Biehn. Doc Holiday joins Wyatt Earp for the OK Corral showdown.	TURN: Washington's Spies The fate of the Culper Ring is revealed.		TURN: Washington's Spies "Washington's Spies" The fate of the Culper Ring is revealed.		*** "Tombstone" (1993, Western) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer.		*** "Tombstone" (1993, Western) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer.		*** "Tombstone" (1993, Western) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer.			
ANPL	41	100	Pit Bulls and Parolees "Low Rider"	Pit Bulls and Parolees "Young Blood"		Pit Bulls and Parolees (N)		Rescue Dog to Super Dog		Pit Bulls and Parolees		Rescue Dog to Super Dog			
BET	61	162	(5:25) *** "The Wedding Ringer" (2015, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Josh Gad.	*** "The Bounce Back" (2016, Romance-Comedy) Shemar Moore, Nadine Velazquez. Premiere. A relationship guru falls for a beautiful woman.		*** "XXX" (2002, Action) Vin Diesel, Asia Argento, Marton Csokas. A spy tries to stop an anarchist with weapons.		*** "XXX" (2002, Action) Vin Diesel, Asia Argento, Marton Csokas. A spy tries to stop an anarchist with weapons.		*** "XXX" (2002, Action) Vin Diesel, Asia Argento, Marton Csokas. A spy tries to stop an anarchist with weapons.		*** "XXX" (2002, Action) Vin Diesel, Asia Argento, Marton Csokas. A spy tries to stop an anarchist with weapons.			
BRAVO	47	181	*** "The School of Rock" (2003, Comedy) Jack Black, Joan Cusack, Mike White. An unemployed guitarist poses as a teacher.	*** "The School of Rock" (2003, Comedy) Jack Black, Joan Cusack, Mike White. An unemployed guitarist poses as a teacher.		*** "The School of Rock" (2003, Comedy) Jack Black, Joan Cusack, Mike White. An unemployed guitarist poses as a teacher.		*** "The School of Rock" (2003, Comedy) Jack Black, Joan Cusack, Mike White. An unemployed guitarist poses as a teacher.		*** "The School of Rock" (2003, Comedy) Jack Black, Joan Cusack, Mike White. An unemployed guitarist poses as a teacher.		*** "The School of Rock" (2003, Comedy) Jack Black, Joan Cusack, Mike White. An unemployed guitarist poses as a teacher.			
CNBC	35	84	American Greed	American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed			
CNN	3	80	CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera (N)	CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera (N)		Declassified: Untold Stories-American		Declassified: Untold Stories-American		Declassified: Untold Stories-American		Declassified: Untold Stories-American			
COM	57	136	(5:15) *** "Wedding Crashers" (2005, Comedy) Owen Wilson.	Jeff Dunham: All Over the Map: Comic Jeff Dunham performs.		Jeff Dunham: All Over the Map: Comic Jeff Dunham performs.		Jeff Dunham: All Over the Map: Comic Jeff Dunham performs.		Jeff Dunham: All Over the Map: Comic Jeff Dunham performs.		Jeff Dunham: All Over the Map: Comic Jeff Dunham performs.			
DISN	18	200	Jessie Mrs. Kipling becomes famous.	Bunk'd		*** "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day" (2014) Steve Carell, Jennifer Garner.		Raven's Home Nia contacts her father.		(9:55) K.C. Undercover		(10:55) Bizaardvark			
DSC	42	103	Dirty Jobs Animal Control Specialist.	Dirty Jobs "Maple Syrup Maker"		Dirty Jobs Crush abandoned boats.		Manhunt: Unabomber		(02) Dual Survival "Out of Africa"		Dual Survival			
ESPN	26	35	Little League Baseball Mid-Atlantic Regional, Final: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	Little League Baseball West Regional, Final: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)		Little League Baseball West Regional, Final: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)			
ESPN2	27	39	Tennis	ATP Tennis Rogers Cup, Second Semifinal. From Montreal. (N) (Live)		ATP Tennis Rogers Cup, Second Semifinal. From Montreal. (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)			
FOOD	40	109	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games			
FOXN	37	90	Fox Report (N)	Watters' World (N)		Watters' World (N)		The Greg Gutfeld Show (N)		The Greg Gutfeld Show (N)		The Greg Gutfeld Show (N)			
FREE	20	131	(:15) *** "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1" (2010, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson. Harry sets out to destroy the secrets to Voldemort's power.	Hallows: Part 1" (2010, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson. Harry sets out to destroy the secrets to Voldemort's power.		Hallows: Part 1" (2010, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson. Harry sets out to destroy the secrets to Voldemort's power.		Hallows: Part 1" (2010, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson. Harry sets out to destroy the secrets to Voldemort's power.		Hallows: Part 1" (2010, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson. Harry sets out to destroy the secrets to Voldemort's power.		Hallows: Part 1" (2010, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson. Harry sets out to destroy the secrets to Voldemort's power.			
FSS	21	47	Driven	Driven		Triathlon From October, 2016.		Triathlon		Facing Waves		College Wrestling			
HALL	52	183	"Autumn in the Vineyard" (2016, Romance) Rachael Leigh Cook, Brendan Penny, Marcus Rosner. A woman dreams of turning a ranch into a winery.	"Autumn in the Vineyard" (2016, Romance) Rachael Leigh Cook, Brendan Penny, Marcus Rosner. A woman dreams of turning a ranch into a winery.		"Autumn in the Vineyard" (2016, Romance) Rachael Leigh Cook, Brendan Penny, Marcus Rosner. A woman dreams of turning a ranch into a winery.		"Autumn in the Vineyard" (2016, Romance) Rachael Leigh Cook, Brendan Penny, Marcus Rosner. A woman dreams of turning a ranch into a winery.		"Autumn in the Vineyard" (2016, Romance) Rachael Leigh Cook, Brendan Penny, Marcus Rosner. A woman dreams of turning a ranch into a winery.		"Autumn in the Vineyard" (2016, Romance) Rachael Leigh Cook, Brendan Penny, Marcus Rosner. A woman dreams of turning a ranch into a winery.			
HGTV	39	112	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop		Beachfront Bargain Hunt: Renovation		Beachfront Bargain Hunt: Renovation		House Hunters Renovation (N)		House Hunters Renovation (N)			
HIST	45	110	Counting Cars	Counting Cars		Counting Cars		Counting Cars		Counting Cars		Counting Cars			
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MSNBC	36	92	The Rachel Maddow Show	The Rachel Maddow Show		The Rachel Maddow Show		The Rachel Maddow Show		The Rachel Maddow Show		The Rachel Maddow Show			
NICK	16	210	Nicky, Ricky, Dicky & Dawn	JoJo Siwa: My		School of Rock (N)		Nickelodeon's Sizzling Summer Camp		Full House		Friends			
SPIKE	64	153	Cops	Cops (N)		Gone: The Forgotten Women of Ohio		Gone: The Forgotten Women of Ohio		*** "300" (2007) Gerard Butler. Badly outnumbered Spartan warriors battle the Persian army.		*** "300" (2007) Gerard Butler. Badly outnumbered Spartan warriors battle the Persian army.			
SYFY	58	152	* "Sharknado: The 4th Awakens" (2016, Horror) Ian Ziering, Tara Reid, David Hasselhoff. Fin springs into action when sharks and tornados return.	"Sharknado 5: Global Swarming" (2017, Action) Ian Ziering, Tara Reid, Cassie Scerbo. Fin and April must save their son from a sharknado.		"Sharknado 5: Global Swarming" (2017, Action) Ian Ziering, Tara Reid, Cassie Scerbo. Fin and April must save their son from a sharknado.		"Sharknado 5: Global Swarming" (2017, Action) Ian Ziering, Tara Reid, Cassie Scerbo. Fin and April must save their son from a sharknado.		"Sharknado 5: Global Swarming" (2017, Action) Ian Ziering, Tara Reid, Cassie Scerbo. Fin and April must save their son from a sharknado.		"Sharknado 5: Global Swarming" (2017, Action) Ian Ziering, Tara Reid, Cassie Scerbo. Fin and April must save their son from a sharknado.			
TBS	24	156	Seinfeld The four pals are arrested.	Seinfeld The four pals are arrested.		The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory			
TCM	49	186	(5:45) *** "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance" (1962) James Stewart.	*** "The Quiet Man" (1952, Drama) John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara, Barry Fitzgerald. An Irish-American returns to Ireland to claim his home.		*** "The Quiet Man" (1952, Drama) John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara, Barry Fitzgerald. An Irish-American returns to Ireland to claim his home.		*** "The Quiet Man" (1952, Drama) John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara, Barry Fitzgerald. An Irish-American returns to Ireland to claim his home.		*** "The Quiet Man" (1952, Drama) John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara, Barry Fitzgerald. An Irish-American returns to Ireland to claim his home.		*** "The Quiet Man" (1952, Drama) John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara, Barry Fitzgerald. An Irish-American returns to Ireland to claim his home.			
TLC	43	157	My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding	My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding		My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding		My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding		My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding		My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding			
TNT	23	158	*** "Transformers" (2007, Action) Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson, Josh Duhamel. Two races of robots wage war on Earth.	*** "Transformers" (2007, Action) Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson, Josh Duhamel. Two races of robots wage war on Earth.		*** "Transformers" (2007, Action) Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson, Josh Duhamel. Two races of robots wage war on Earth.		*** "Transformers" (2007, Action) Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson, Josh Duhamel. Two races of robots wage war on Earth.		*** "Transformers" (2007, Action) Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson, Josh Duhamel. Two races of robots wage war on Earth.		*** "Transformers" (2007, Action) Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson, Josh Duhamel. Two races of robots wage war on Earth.			
TRUTV	38	129	I'm Sorry	I'm Sorry		Impractical Jokers		Impractical Jokers		Impractical Jokers		Impractical Jokers			
TV LAND	55	161	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls		Love-Raymond		Love-Raymond		Love-Raymond		Love-Raymond			
USA	25	132	(6:00) *** "Pretty Woman" (1990) Richard Gere. A corporate raider hires a hooker to act as a business escort.	*** "Fifty Shades of Grey" (2015, Romance) Dakota Johnson, Jamie Dornan, Jennifer Ehle. An inexperienced student begins a daring love affair. (DVS)		*** "Fifty Shades of Grey" (2015, Romance) Dakota Johnson, Jamie Dornan, Jennifer Ehle. An inexperienced student begins a daring love affair. (DVS)		*** "Fifty Shades of Grey" (2015, Romance) Dakota Johnson, Jamie Dornan, Jennifer Ehle. An inexperienced student begins a daring love affair. (DVS)		*** "Fifty Shades of Grey" (2015, Romance) Dakota Johnson, Jamie Dornan, Jennifer Ehle. An inexperienced student begins a daring love affair. (DVS)		*** "Fifty Shades of Grey" (2015, Romance) Dakota Johnson, Jamie Dornan, Jennifer Ehle. An inexperienced student begins a daring love affair. (DVS)			
WE	68	166	Law & Order "Misconception"	Law & Order "In Memory Of"		Law & Order "Out of Control"		Law & Order "Renunciation"		Law & Order "Heaven"		Law & Order			
WGNA	8	172	(5:00) *** "Inception" (2010)	*** "Inception" (2010) Leonardo DiCaprio. A thief enters people's dreams and steals their secrets.		*** "Inception" (2010) Leonardo DiCaprio. A thief enters people's dreams and steals their secrets.		*** "Inception" (2010) Leonardo DiCaprio. A thief enters people's dreams and steals their secrets.		*** "Inception" (2010) Leonardo DiCaprio. A thief enters people's dreams and steals their secrets.		*** "Inception" (2010) Leonardo DiCaprio. A thief enters people's dreams and steals their secrets.			

Have a dark sense of humor? 'Get Shorty' is for you

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

Do we need another series based on a popular movie? I recall thinking the same thing when FX announced " Fargo," and that turned out quite well. EPIX launches "Get Shorty" (10 p.m. Sunday, TV-MA), a 10-episode dark comedy loosely based on the 1990 novel by Elmore Leonard. Like the 1995 movie directed by Barry Sonnenfeld, "Shorty" offers a broad parody of the movie business. It also presents two capable actors making the most of their roles.

Irish actor and comedian Chris O'Dowd ("Bridesmaids") plays Miles Daly, a Nevada hit man who realizes there is more to life than killing people and disposing of their bodies in a car-crushing compactor. If the sight of a sad mob flunky musing philosophical about insight he got from watching Rachael Ray while stuffing a body in the back of a car trunk doesn't strike you as amusing, then "Shorty" is not for you.

Miles' efforts to reunite with his terrified and estranged wife and teenage daughter lead to his desire to become a Hollywood producer. This notion dovetails with his boss's (Lidia Porto) need to launder huge sums of money. And it leads to his encounter with low-level film producer Rick Moreweather (Ray Romano), a maker of direct-to-video schlock who fears he's used up all his luck.

The less said about the mob atmospherics, the better. While Miles' first movie script is literally soaked in the blood of one of his victims, "Shorty" does not dwell on ultraviolence. It's more about allowing O'Dowd and Romano to rattle around in their terrific characters, set against decidedly unglamorous sections of Las Vegas and Hollywood, two cities built on hope, desperation and last chances.

Rob Lowe departed from Ken Doll typcasting to star in the 2012 true crime drama "Drew Peterson: Untouchable" (8 p.m. Saturday, Lifetime). While nobody will confuse this with high art, it's an entertaining chance for familiar faces to break out of their molds.

As I mentioned in my original review, playing wife No. 4 Stacy Peterson is a fun departure for Kaley Cuoco ("The Big



Chris O'Dowd stars as Miles Daly in the dark comedy "Get Shorty," debuting at 10 p.m. on Sunday EPIX.

Bang Theory"). She rapidly transforms from a brazenly clueless, husband-stealing hussy to a doting mom and abused spouse. She is the victimized poster-child-bridal for Lifetime's endless effort to warn women against the wicked wolf disguised as Prince Charming. Lowe steals the film as a creepy, controlling older cop who struts around a small Illinois town like a suburban Casanova.

Never far from camp, "Untouchable" will appeal more to fans of both stars than true-crime enthusiasts.

- "Declassified: Untold Stories of American Spies" (9 p.m. Saturday, CNN) recalls the DEA's efforts to target Haji Bagchi, one of the world's biggest heroin traffickers who also funneled funds to Afghanistan's Taliban insurgency in the early 2000s. While eliminating his network saved the lives of American servicemen, it also involved perilous operations in the hostile Nangarhar Province.

- Maroon 5 receives the Decade Award at Teen Choice 2017 (8 p.m. Sunday, Fox, TV-PG), a roundup of the youth icons of 2017, including performers Louis Tomlinson, Bebe Rexha, Clean Bandit, Zara Larsson, KYLE, Lil Yachty, Rita Ora, Rae Sremmurd, French Mon-

tana, Swae Lee and Triplets Ghetto Kids.

SATURDAY'S SERIES FINALES

- On two episodes of "Doubt" (CBS, TV-14), closing arguments (8 p.m.), a verdict is reached (9 p.m.).
- Fates are sealed as the war concludes and a nation is born on "Turn: Washington's Spies" (9 p.m., AMC, TV-14).
- Helena needs rescuing on "Orphan Black" (9 p.m., BBC America, TV-MA).

SATURDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- The Los Angeles Rams host the Dallas Cowboys in preseason NFL action (9 p.m., NFL).
- A mother vanishes just weeks before Christmas, sending shivers through an upstate New York town on "Dateline" (10 p.m., NBC, r).

- A policeman thwarts a hostage taker at a library on "20/20: In an Instant" (10 p.m., ABC, r).
- Hosts pair canines with a veteran and an ailing patient on the premiere of "Rescue Dog to Super Dog" (10 p.m., Animal Planet, TV-PG).

SUNDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Josh Brodin narrates "World Beaters" (1 p.m., ESPN) following the Little League team from Maine-Endwell, New York, the smallest community to ever win the Little League Baseball World Series tournament.
- Updated repeat segments scheduled on "60 Minutes" (7 p.m., CBS): A visa program that allows companies to replace American labor with foreign workers; a rifle's tragic trigger problem; the venerable

horse racing tradition of "timber racing."

- "Dateline" (7 p.m., NBC, r) interviews survivors of a California wildfire.
- "The Cars That Made America" (8 p.m., History, TV-PG) profiles the entrepreneurs and visionaries who built an industry, including Henry Ford, William Durant, Walter Chrysler and the Dodge brothers.
- The Los Angeles Chargers host the Seattle Seahawks in preseason NFL action (8 p.m., NFL).
- "The Nineties" (9 p.m., CNN) recalls the World Wide Web and the dawn of the Information Age.
- Eastwatch on "Game of Thrones" (9 p.m., HBO, TV-MA).
- A movie star needs protection from her husband on "Ray Donovan" (9 p.m., Showtime, TV-MA).
- Ghost and Tommy join forces on "Power" (9 p.m., Starz, TV-MA).
- Goldie makes Cassie choose sides on the season finale of "I'm Dying Up Here" (10 p.m., Showtime, TV-MA).
- A party rattles Issa on "Insecure" (10:30 p.m., HBO, TV-MA).

SUNDAY SERIES

Boy bands loom large on "Celebrity Family Feud" (8 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) * Mario Lopez hosts "Candy Crush" (9 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) * San Antonio finals on "American Ninja Warrior" (9 p.m., NBC, r, TV-PG) * Tailgating inventions on "Steve Harvey's Funderdome" (9 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) * A spouse accuses a contractor of espionage on "NCIS: Los Angeles" (10 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) * Von Miller plays "The \$100,000 Pyramid" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG).

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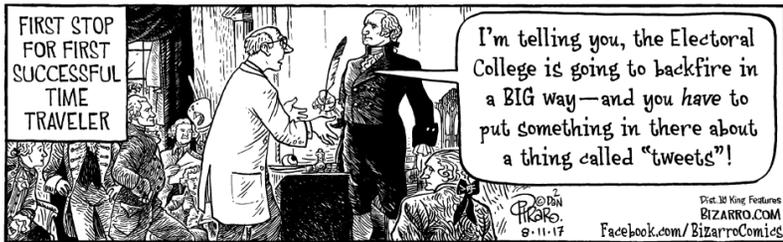
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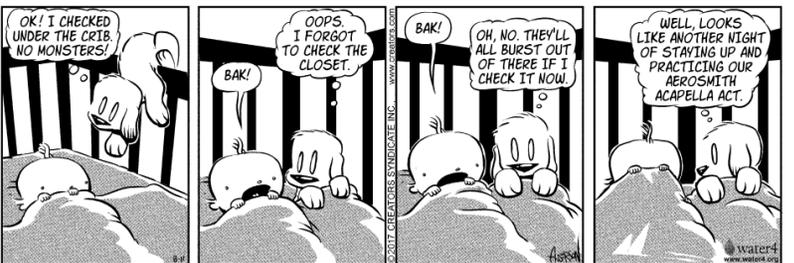
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JEFF MACNELLY'S SHOE



Spouse can't fix wedge between wife, her mother



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — My wife and I met four years ago, have been married for two and I still haven't met her mother. My mother-in-law, a homophobic, self-proclaimed “evangelist prophet,” refuses to acknowledge our union.

Her behavior upsets my wife, which angers me to the point that I have no desire to ever cross paths with her. My wife sometimes cries about this wedge in their relationship, which only makes me resent my mother-in-law more. Is there something I

should do or say to either of them that might possibly help all of us deal with this turmoil a little better?
Frustrated lesbian-in-law

DEAR FRUSTRATED — If the wedge in your wife's relationship with her evangelist prophet mother is that she is a lesbian and married, there is nothing you can do. Your mother-in-law will either, with time, come to accept it (don't hold your breath), or your wife will learn through counseling that it is not her responsibility to sacrifice her happiness to please her mother. I hope you will encourage your wife to do that.

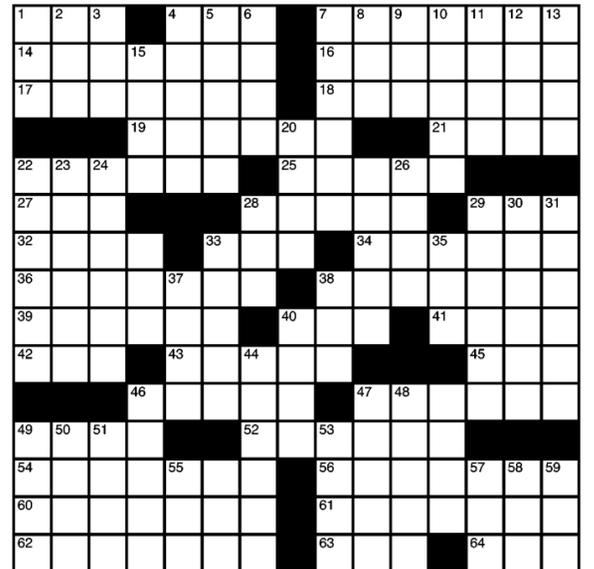
DEAR ABBY — I have been a daily reader of your column since I was a little girl, so your answer to my question will be valued.

I eat an apple every day on my drive home from work, and when I'm done, I toss the core out the window. I try my best to support the Earth, and I believe I am feeding the rabbits and birds with my apple a day. Friends insist that what I'm doing is littering and helping neither the furry friends nor the environment. Can you help solve the debate — to toss or not to toss? Thanks!

An apple a day

DEAR A.A.A.D. — I, too, love our furry and feathered creatures, but I agree with your friends. What you are doing is littering, regardless of how you're rationalizing it. If you truly want to support the Earth, keep a small container in your vehicle for the apple core and dispose of it when you get home.

THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



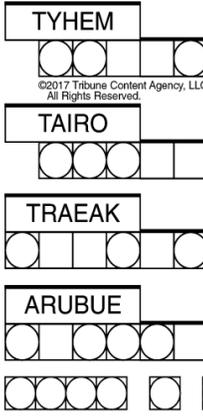
By Roger and Kathy Wienberg 8/11/17

- ACROSS**
- 1 Welcome site
 - 4 One may be nervous
 - 7 Best of the best
 - 14 It hasn't been analyzed yet
 - 16 Lottery winner's comment
 - 17 Shutterbug
 - 18 Fireplace fixture
 - 19 Like a vertebral region
 - 21 Meddle, with "around"
 - 22 Biblical songs
 - 25 Splotchy garment
 - 27 Calendar abbr.
 - 28 Blow
 - 29 Suffix with star or tsar
 - 32 Filmy
 - 33 U.K. fliers
 - 34 Bearish?
 - 36 Twists
 - 38 Couple in the news each December
 - 39 Like tennis rackets
 - 40 Color property
 - 41 They go with guys
 - 42 Stable diet
 - 43 Item from a mill?
 - 45 Singer/songwriter Carly Jepsen
 - 46 Secure, as a ship's line
 - 47 Rascals
 - 49 Hook's right hand
 - 52 Intensify
 - 54 Seven-piece Chinese puzzle
 - 56 Stud location
 - 60 Shakespearean merchant
 - 61 Like some baseball pitches ... and a hint to locating the second part of four three-part puzzle answers
 - 62 Unified whole
 - 63 To some degree
 - 64 Upsilon predecessor
 - 69 PC screen type
 - 70 Lizard that can shed its tail
 - 11 Pro's opposite
 - 12 Book after Joel
 - 13 Actor
 - 15 McDonal'd's offering for tight budgets
 - 20 "Dream on!"
 - 22 Lacking color
 - 23 Athens rival
 - 24 Weapons source
 - 26 "Downton Abbey" countess
 - 28 Uno: Juan's "one more"
 - 29 Captivate
 - 30 A quarter mile, maybe
 - 31 Cans of worms
 - 33 Post office standard
 - 35 Syrup source
 - 37 Memo opener
 - 38 Lowlife
 - 40 Georgetown cager
 - 44 Critter in the same family as chipmunks and squirrels
 - 46 Conceived
 - 47 New World colonizer
 - 48 Like Miss Muffet's fare
 - 49 Guys-only
 - 50 Locks in a barn
 - 51 Tolkien race
 - 53 Tableland
 - 55 Genetic messenger
 - 57 Muffin choice
 - 58 Top at the shore
 - 59 Outback runner
- DOWN**
- 1 Dash or Doubtfire
 - 2 Sound of relief
 - 3 Number missing, in a way, from "4 = 16"
 - 4 Ryan's daughter
 - 5 Chairperson's list
 - 6 Energy food component
 - 7 Snooze buttons stop them
 - 8 The Eagle, for one
- Thursday's Puzzle Solved**
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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



AFTER SCUBA DIVING FOR HOURS, THEY WERE READY TO —

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: LLAMA FOAMY SUDDEN LIKELY
Answer: The garbage overflowed when the — LAND FILLED

SUDOKU

HOW TO PLAY:
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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The answers to today's puzzle can be found on today's Daily Planner page.